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OUND THE WORLD

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Hebron leaders 'very worried' after meeting with PM

HERB KEINON

HEBRON and Kiryat Arba settlement leaders said they are "very. very worried," after meeting with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday to hear details about the impending redeployment.

"We are extremely concerned," said Hebron leader Noam Arnon. "We asked difficult questioos, both about the security arrangements and the municipal authority.

hut did not get clear answers."
Amon said the ruceting with Netanyahu lasted for about 90 minutes, and was followed by a 30-minute meeting with Dan Shomron, head of the Israeli negotiating team.

Earlier in the day the settlement Gen. Oren Shahor, in charge of the negotiations on the municipal

Amon said that as matters now stand, Jewish construction in Hebron will be frozen. The reason is not because the Jewish enclave will be dependent on permits issued by the Palestinians, but because "there is no room to grow." Asked whether the Jewish enclave has been extended at all, Amon said "not much."

Amon said that on the security level the settlement leaders did not get any clear answers to their questions about sniper fire, or what will happen if a mob of Palestinians rushes one of the Jewish compounds, as occurred at Joseph's Tornh in Nablus. Armon said Netanyahu's response that the IDF would be ready for any eventuality was not particularly satisfy-

The agreement will hold only when there is no trouble, when excepthing is going well. But the Ambs' goal is to destroy the settlement, so there won't be quiet here. had in this case, the agreement

Amon said the atmosphere in the meeting was businesslike. "All wall, we are friends," Amon said. We are simply disappointed by the decisions being made."

Alarge demonstration in support of Hebron is scheduled in Jonsalem tomorrow evening. Senior members of the National Religious Party will visit Hebron

today to hear first-hand the security and municipal problems related (Continued on Page 2)

Yankees win World Series

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Joe Grardi tripled in the first run and scored another in a three-run third iming, as the New York Yankees held off the Atlanta Braves 3-2 on Saurday to win their 23rd World Series championship.

Jimmy Key and four relievers outdueled four-time Cy Young
Award winner Greg Maddux and
closer Mark Wohlers, as the
Yar-ces completed a remarkable cornehack in the best-of-seven series by winning four straight games - three in Atlanta and one at home, after opening with two demoralizing losses at Yankee Sadium, Full story, Page 10





Retired IDF major-generals (from left) Haim Erez, Avraham Adan, Shaike Gavish, Mordechai Hod, and ex-president Chaim Herzog, and O/C Air Force Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliabu sing a song in tribute of Yitzbak Rabin last night. Among others attending the Defense Ministry ceremony at Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium was Defense Minister Yitzbak Mordechai.

(Daya Sternewlstreet Sum)

Netanyahu: Syrians won't surprise us

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday issued a clear warming to Syria not to engage in any military adventure, while reiterating his call to President Hafez

Assad to resume the peace talks. Netanyahu stressed that Israel is closely monitoring all develop-ments in Syria and Lebanon and was prepared for any eventuality.

Asked whether there was a risk of war with Syria if the deadlock in the peace talks continues, he said: "It would be a tragedy, because we have offered to resume the peace talks and we have also said that our purposes in Lebanon; as on the Golan, are purely defensive.

"It should be clear, however, that and there is no question here of a possible surprise.

"We have taken all the necessary countermeasures for our defense. I stress again our purpose is defensive, but we will not be surprised and we will know

DAVID RUDGE

how to react to a potendal attack. What I would like to see is not a discussion about countering a plot or potential threats, but the resumpdon of the peace talks between Israel and Syria, which was and remains our basic goal,"

Netanyahu spoke during a visit to the navy base in Haifa, during which he visited a submarine and later embarked on a short trip aboard one of the navy's biggest and most modern missile ships, the Saar 5 Eilat.

"I want to say, bere, while we are on the deck of the Israel Navy ship, that we have a strong, determined army, with special canabilities and exemplary officers

and soldiers," said Netanyahu. This army, which is changing its face every day, can answer any threat facing us. This army, however, has one aim -- to defend the country and give Israel the strength and

power to achieve a lasting peace. The strength of the IDF, such as the navy, is vital to help achieve and preserve peace and these two aims.

we will achieve."

Asked if the government had received any new information regarding missing airman Ron Arad as a result of efforts of German mediator Bernd Sehmidbauer, Netanyahu said: "I will say that our view of the Ron Arad simution has not changed. We have always considered him to be alive and in capovity and we expect his captors to heed the most basic humanitarian principle of returning him home to

Prior to his visit to Haifa, Netanyabu paid a condolence call on the widow of Col. Nabih Mari, at her home in Hurfeish in the Galilee. Mari was killed in Rafiah during the eruption of violence following the opening of an exit to the

Western Wall tunnels,

"Mr. Prime Minister, I want to ask you a question and I want you to answer it," Sharha Mari told Netanyahu as they sat in her home. "Several days ago, a number of stu-dents from the Mt. Meron Field School came here on a condolence visit and asked me if I was angry with the Palestinians or somebody

"I answered them that I was angry with the government and the prime minister because you opened the turnel without discussing it with my husband or his colleagues in the army, or the army itself.

"And you have seen what the opening of the tunnel did - 15 solwere killed and I lost my husband and my only daughter lost her father. What was it worth. Why did you do it?"

Netanyahu evaded the question, while stressing that Israel is trying to achieve peace with the Palestinians.

Clinton presses for Hebron pact

DAVID MAKOVSKY and DAVID RUDGE

US President Bill Clinton phoned Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat last night and urged them to finalize a Hebron redeployment deal immediately, before Arafat heads off today to Europe for a week of prescheduled visits.

It remained unclear whether a deal would be completed during the night, to be followed by a

signing by the morning.

Senior officials in Jerusalem said that if Arafat leaves before the deal is done, US special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross will leave the region until after he returns. Ross has been here for four weeks of Hebron talks.

Ross held a key meeong last night with Arafat in Gaza, but Arafat refused to provide any details and Ross made no substantive comment. During the talks. Netanyahu and Arafat spoke on the phone.

In describing the 10-minute phone call to each leader, White House spokesman Michael McCurry said Clinton wanted to "encourage them to do everything they can to address the remaining issues related to Oslo implementation, specifically. security-related issues and the withdrawal from Hebron." He refused to give further details.

"The president said that he wanted the deal to be finalized now," an official in the Prime. Minister's Office said. Clinton spoke both to Netanyahu and his foreign policy adviser Dore

Jordan's King Hussein also phoned both leaders last night in hid to urge them to wran un talks.

After flying by helicopter to the Haifa navy base to brief Netanyahu yesterday morning. Ross declared: "Chairman Arafat has a long previously scheduled trip to Europe. Clearly the pace

of negotiations is affected when the leaders are not here.

"Also my own presence here is affected because part of my mission is, very clearly, to go back and forth between the leaders.

"It is clear that we have further narrowed the differences that exist, but we have not overcome those differences. I believe the differences can be overcome." Palestinian negotiator Saeb

Erekat was not as optimistic as Ross. "There are deep differences between the two positions. The same disputed issues are still disputed," he said. Netanyahu blamed Arafat for

the delay in the talks. "Some of the aims have been achieved, but an agreement is not an agreement until it is concluded. UnoI then, even if 80 or 90 percent of the aims have been reached, it is not an agreed or signed accord and everything remains open until the last minute.

We found during the course of negotiations that some issues that we thought we had reached an agreement on had been reopened," Netanyahu said.

A senior official in Jerusalem said part of the problem is that "Arafat is frustrated that he cannot translate the support of [French President Jacques] Chirac and others into forcing Israel to make more concessions at the table. So he holds out."

Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy also held separate meetings with visiting Italian Foreign Minister Lamberto Dini.

According to a statement issued by Netanyahu's office, Dini said that "Arafat is mistaken cace process, he will receive European support. Chirac presented the French position, hut there are important countries in the European Union which do not necessarily agree

How serious is the Syrian threat?

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE Defense Ministry is reportedly putting heavy pressure on the government not only to reverse the Finance Ministry's proposal to cut NIS 850 million from the defense budget, but to increase it by hundreds of millions of shekels to deal with the growing threat of confrontation with

The army is closely watching the beefed-up Syrian army's winter maneuvers on the Golan Heights. Given the chemical warfare capabilities and the sophisticated ground-to-ground missiles that have been added to the Syrian arsenal since 1973, war could be far more costly than in the For nearly two months, two regiments of Syrian commandos trained in

airborne assault have been positioned on the northern slopes of the Hermon. Behind them is a crack armored division transferred from Beirut. These are in addition to the three regular Syrian divisions posiconed permanently opposite the Golan Heights. And the IDF watche Massing the concentration means [Syrian President Hafez] Assad can

play games with you," said one senior commander. "We can watch for three weeks and then let our guard down for two hours and then what have we achieved?" Assad is getting the IDF used to the new situation, knowing it cannot

afford to confront the Syrians man for man. This way, he maintains the ini-

"The Syrians have carried out a chain of events which allow them to cut the time they need to go into acoon," said Labor MK and former chief of general staff Ehud Barak yesterday. "We are now at one of the most sensitive and tense times in the past 15 years." (Continued on Page 2)



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Ministry clearing way for 3,000 units in territories

THE Construction and Housing Ministry has begun assessing the nearly 3,000 housing units it built in the early 1990s that are standing empty in the settlements, before it puts them up

M oshe Eilat, a spokesman for the ministry, said that the process of setting prices will take "a couple of months."

The homes were initiated by the Shamir government, and in many cases finished under the Rahin government. However, because of the Labor government freeze, they were not put up for sale. They are spread throughout the terri-tories, with most of them in Ariel, Karnet

Shomron, and Kiryat Arba.

People have moved into about 1,700 of the units, and in some cases are paying rent to the settlements or putting money in a bank account for the government, Housing Ministry and settlement officials said.

Aharon Domh, general secretary of the Council of Jewisb Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, welcomed the decision to sell the apartments.

"The freeze was unjust, I'm glad that these units will be freed up," he said. Domb criticized those who said that selling the apartments will cost the government money

it could be using in other areas, saying that the government has already invested in the units. and now - by putting them up for sale - will be getting its money hack.

Peace Now issued a response saying the gov-ernment "is wasting public funds and giving out - almost for free - apartments for settlers at a time when unemployed from Beit She'an to Dimona are losing their livelihoods."

Meretz has charged that the government

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plans to sell the apartments for significantly less than it invested in them.

A disagreement over the sale erupted among the government's coalition partners, with Third Way MK Yehuda Harel saying that apartments in densely populated Arab areas, such as a few units in Kfar Darom and Netzarim, should not

Small, isolated settlements might have to be moved under the permanent arrangement, if they cannot be protected otherwise, Harel continued. He said his party believes in blocs of settlements, and called for the strengthening of areas such as Gush Etzion, Greater Jerusalem, the Jordan Valley, and the southern Hebron

"We are trying to build a national consensus around the permanent arrangement." Harel

Third Way faction head Avigdor Kahalani suggested last week that Kfar Darom and Netzarim should be moved as part of a final settlement with the Palestinians.

In response, National Religious Party MK Zvi Hendel, a former head of the Gaza Coast Regional Council, said, "I'm shocked that Harel could place himself to the left of Yossi Beilin. Even Beilin's permanent arrangement plans do not obligate us to nproot settlements, as Harel has suggested."

Harel rejected claims that showing a willingness to evacuate settlements could adversely affect the negotiations.

"It's inconceivable that the Palestinians should clearly know and say what they want in

the final arrangements and we don't know," Harel said. "We have to agree among ourselves on the areas which are most important to us and act on enlarging and strengthening them, even before the negotiations on the permanent

He called on Labor and the opposition to support Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on the issue, saying: "He's their prime minister

However, Meretz head Yossi Sarid charged that Netanyahn has an extraordinary talent for making the wrong decision at the most inappropriate time possible. Unfreezing the units in the settlements is evidence of this, he said.

"Mr. Netanyahu, who spoke not long ago about Egypt and it's nose, is himself cutting off his nose and turning the entire world - here and abroad - against us merely to appease the leaders of the settlers, who are today the main enemies of peace and security. The tragedy is that the nose is Netanyaho's but the face belongs to

In response, National Religious Party faction bead Hanan Porat said: "Sarid tries to curse others and only ends op cursing himself. Hebron today is the direct continuation of the Hebron of our forefather Abraham." He said his party could not support the with-

Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Coben called on Netanyahu to take back his decision and not to sell the homes.

"Netanyahu should not give in to the dictates of the extreme right by giving out presents in return for silence by the settlers before the withdrawal in Hebron, particularly when the economy cannot afford it." Cohen said.



Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak meets with Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres in Sharm e-Sheik yesterday. Mubarak told reporters that he does not believe Syria plans to attack Israel, but that 'if there is no peace, something terrible will happen. Not war, but something else, and much

Palestinian doctors: Police wrong on cause of driver's death

JON IMMANUEL PALESTINIAN doctors said yesterday that Fathi Sahuri, 43, killed near Ofra while driving last week was hit by a bullet and not, as

police have claimed, by a stone. Ramallah Hospital pathologist Dr. Ahmed Heneichen said he found burn marks around a bole in the skull of Sahuri, a father of five, from Siniil.

We authorized an autopsy. The Israelis could have done it, but were not interested. So he was examined in Ramallah under the auspices of the Palestinian Authority," .. Sahuri's cousin. Hatem Sahuri, said.

Security, forces found that Sahuri, who had been driving on the Ramallah hypass road, generally used by settlers, was killed by a stone that shattered his car's window. They said it is unclear if a Palestinian or an Israeli threw the stone, hut in the past few weeks Palestinians have stoned a number of Israeli vehicles on the

Tha'er Alwan, who was in the car with Sahuri, said that be heard an explosion when Sahuri was hit. Witnesses in a car behind them said they saw someone shooting at Sahuri's car from a car with Israeli

license plates. Human rights investigator Bassem Eid said that during four hours of investigation, police tried to persuade Alwan to say it was a

The evidence that Sahuri was shot with a high-powered rifle points to a settler, Eid charged.

In an unrelated incident yesterday, Himli Shusha, 10, of Husan, near Bethlehem, was seriously wounded when he was hit by a stone apparently thrown by a settler from Hadar Betar. The settlement's security officer was arrested in connection with the incident.

Four remanded for illicit visit to Jericho

FOUR of the 10 Jews who went to Jericho on Friday and tried to remain in a hotel there over Shabbat were remanded yesterday for 48 hours by Jerusalem Magistrate's Court. The other six were released, on condition they not return to Jericho until it is no longer a closed military area.

Rabbi Yoel Elitzur, leader of the group, denied reports that it entered a restaurant and hotel disguised as French tourists. Elitzur said the group members paid to stay in the hotel, and that the owner knew they were religious Israeli Jews.

. The group spent Shabbat in the city about six weeks ago, also staying in a local hotel and walking to the Shalom Al Yisrael synagogue on Shabbat morning.

On Friday afternoon, however, when the Jews began praying in the restaurant, a crowd of Palestinian policemen and residents surrounded the premises. Soldiers rushed to the scene, and the group was taken to the District Coordinating Office remained until after Shabbat. Nekuda editor Uri Elitzur, Yoel Elitzur's brother, said that the hotel owner made up the story about the French tourists because he was afraid of the Palestinian reaction if it became known that he let in Jews. Uri Elitzur, who was not in the

group, said it is absurd to say the group members are provocateurs. Elitzor said that the incident had nothing to do with the Hebron redeployment and that the group just wants to maintain a presence in Jericho, since the Oslo accords allow Jews to pray at the synagogue. However, some settlement lead-

ers did not approve of the action. "I don't begin to understand what they thought they were going to accomplish there," said Yehiel Leiter, a spokesman for the Council of Jewish Communities in Jodea, Samaria, and Gaza. "Nobody asked us. We have to see whether these kind of actions are prudent at this moment. There are other efforts on which we can at Vered Yericho, where the 10 expend our energy."

SECURITY remains tight throughout the country to prevent a suicide attack by Islamic Jihad terrorists, whose leaders in Beirut say such steps are delaying bomhings aimed at marking the first anniversary of the assassination of

The closure imposed last Friday on the West Bank and Gaza Strip has not been eased, and police roadblocks will continue to tie up traffic today amid continued warnings that suicide bombers are already in the country.

The IDF stressed that Palestinian-controlled areas in the West Bank and Gaza Strip are still off limits to Israelis, and that anyone entering these areas without coordination with the military is not only endangering his life, but also breaking the law.

Security officials have warned that Islamic Jihad terrorists are planning attacks in late October to mark the assassination of Shkaki in Malta last October 27. Israel bas never acknowledged involvement, hut foreign reports said Israeli agents carried out the assassination.

The warnings have kept more and more people from riding public buses, said Egged "This past week, the security services' many

warnings of a possible attack has caused a 20 refused to open their side.

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and news agencies

Islamic Jihad: Security precautions

can only delay suicide attack

percent drop in intracity passengers," said Ratner, adding the drop in intercity hus travel has been more moderate. He said the biggest drop was in the Jerusalem area.

In Beirut, the head of the Islamic Jihad, Ramadan Abdullah Shallah, said the heavy security precautions have perhaps delayed the attacks, but not prevented them.

"Our attacks may be delayed because of technical reasons, but they will never be stopped," Shallah said. "This is a sacred and strategic mission for Islamic Jihad to carry out."

At an earlier rally in the Bourj el-Barajneh refugee camp in south Beirut, Shallah said Islamic Jihad would avenge Shkaki's death. "Shkaki ... will appear as a flame and a

painful explosion any time, any place in the heart of Tel Aviv," Shallah reportedly said. Meanwhile, dozens of food-laden trucks were unable to enter the Gaza Strip because the Karni crossing was not operating. Shlomo Dror, spokesman for the coordinator of activities in the territories, said the crossing was shut

because the Palestinian Police and officials

We never got an official announcement about this, but they told us quietly that this was a protest against the closure," Dror said. "We explained to them that the closure was for security reasons and that we were allowing in food for humanitarian reasons, even though there is no food crisis in Gaza."

The suicide bomber who blew himself up outside Dizengoff Center last March 4, killing 13 people, sneaked into Israel through the Karni crossing. Since then, new security arrangements were installed to prevent a recur-

Likud MK Gideon Ezra, a former senior officer in the General Security Service, said the closure is both too harsb on the Palestinians and ineffective.

"We have to fundamentally change our approach. The closure only prevents those laborers who are checked from coming in, while others continue to sneak through," he said, adding that the opposite situation was preferable.

"Regarding the warnings," said Ezra, "We have become a nation of guards ... We have to start living normal lives and do away with some security measures which don't help at all, and we need to put more effort into intelli-

Two dead, 22 injured in road accidents

GREGORY Rosenblatt, 42, of Bat Yam, was killed and five others were injured, one seriously, in a head-on collision between two cars

Roseublatt's car suddenly swerved off the road. When he tried to get it back onto the roadway, the car swerved into the opposite lane, smashing into an oncoming car. A 33-year-old van driver was

killed when his vehicle collided with a truck near Moshav Hagor

The truck first collided with the van, then turned over on it and

The accident occurred when

had made a sudden turn, causing the crash. The truck driver was injured. Near Emanuel in Samaria, 12

pupils were injured when a bus taknorth of Mitzpe Ramon yesterday. ing them from Emanuel to Netanya overturned. Police said they suspect the driver was speeding. In Eilat, four people were injured yesterday afternoon when

a van and a minibus collided near the Josephthal Hospital junction. Police said the driver of the van failed to stop at a traffic light and crashed into the minibus. The van driver's license was revoked for

CORRECTION

In Friday's Page 4 picture, the boy

who lit a beacon in memory of

Yitzhak Rabin was his grandson Michael Rabin, not Yonatan Ben-

THREAT

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Barak told Channel 1 that the

government must take all steps to prevent a deterioration of the situ-

The fear is that if Assad, whose goal is to get the Golan Heights

back, feels peace talks are dead-

locked, he will opt for a limited

military strike which could be used as leverage for this aim.

"If we stay on alert for a number

of months against the Syrian army

we will cause great damage to the

state," said Barak. "If, God forbid,

we get to the point of an attempt

by the Syrians to snatch sections

of the Golan or the Hermon and we repel it immediately, we will

cause great damage to Israel's

security whether it succeeds or

that the agreement is giving the

Rabbi Moshe Levinger was quotresidents a feeling of being "suffocated," and that this feeling is what led Yigal Amir and Baruch Goldstein to their actions.

been pretty much completed.

Before the meeting, an altercation broke out between settlers from the Avraham Avinu complex and Palestinian journalists who came to cover the meeting. The settlers demanded that the Palestinians leave, while the journalists insisted on their right to cover the meeting. Particularly

harsh words were exchanged between a female journalist and a female settler. The police, after being summoned by the settlers, forced the journalist to leave.

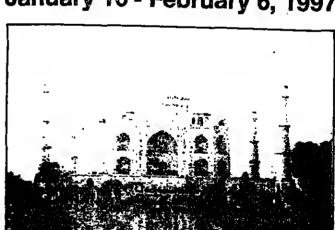
in a related matter, two Hebron under a rock and bottle attack were arrested for firing shots at their alleged attackers. They claimed to have fired into the air, but one of the bullets penetrated into a nearby dental clinic. No one

A photographer who lives in Kirvat Arba told Israel Radio that one of the settlers threatened him at gumpoint not to take pictures. He said the settlers shot at one of the houses.

But another eyewitness, Ami Deri, a contractor working in Hebron, said that after the car was stoned, the two men got out and fired into the air.

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> The IDF Spokesman declined requests to speak with the general

WORRIED

(Continued from Page 1) At the meeting with Shahor, ed by an aide to Shahor as saying

The settlers also left that meeting saying they were "disappointed," and that although they feel they are being listened to, their input has had little impact since the agreement on civil matters has

settlers who said their car came

was injured.

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Ra'anana Mayor Ze'ev Bielski (right), Communications Minister Limor Livnat, and Bezeq Director-General Yitzhak Kaul launch a program yesterday linking a Ra'anana high school to pupils' homes.

Ra'anana pupils link from home to school via computer

SOME 1,200 teenagers at the Mor-Metro West High School in Ra'anana are pioocers in a program linking their homes to the classroom via computer, giving access to data bases for background information and material for absent pupils.

The program was launched yesterday by Communications Minister Limor Livnat, Ra'anana Mayor Ze'ev Bielski, and Bezeq Director-General Yitzhak Kaul.

Ra'anana schools already have one of the highest computerization levels in the country. The Mor-Metro West High School also boasts the second-highest success rate in matriculatioo exams (97 percent).

Before the program was introduced, 75% of Mor-Metro West's pupils had a computer at

JUDY SIEGEL school will be able to participate in them via home; the remaioder bave bought modem-

equipped personal computers in a deal puter revolution is only in its infancy, and "it arranged hy the parents' committee. will be felt everywhere and in every field. Pupils can log oo to the school computer at Twenty-first-century Zionism, in my eyes, any time to ohtain study materials, submit will mean that Israel becomes the leading homework, check data banks for informatioo, world's leading country in this field." obtain extra details on subjects that interest

Kaul said Bezeq regards the project as very important in the modernization of the educatiooal system.

schools should be linked to the program before the end of this school year. Livnat added that by 2000, all educational institutioos io the country are expected to be con-oected in a national project.

Livnat said the telecommunicanoos/com-

Arah told bim that after the hattle, the Arahs bad gathered up the body parts - Jewish and

According to Bielski, all Ra'anana high

A-G won't indict Miller

ATTORNEY-General Michael Ben-Yair has decided not to indict Deputy Jerusalem Mayor Haim Miller (UTJ) for calling the Israeli flag a "rag," because it would violate the principle of freedom of expression. Ben-Yair said there is also no public interest in making a cause celebre out of a remark that

THE Defense Ministry will hegio setting up a genetic data hase 10 help it ideorify the remaios of 25 people killed in the War of Independence and Arab alike - and buried them in a mass grave outside the Old City's Lioos Gate. After three years of unsuc-

Genetic data to help

identify victims of 1948 convoy ambush

EVELYN GORDON

buried in a mass grave, following a petition to the High Court of Justice. eessfully trying to persuade the Defeose Ministry to investigate The ministry is to report back this informatioo and, if true, to the court io four months on rebury the hodies io a Jewish hoth its progress with the data Levanoo fioally petibase and the steps it is taking to locate the 22 other missing tiooed the court. At a hearing yesterday, gov-ernment attorney Michael Blass said the army is prepared to memhers of a coovoy which was attacked oo April 13, 1948 while briogiog supplies to Hadassah Hospital on Mount

start work oo a genetie data base of the victims' families, hut saw no poiot in making any effort to open even the Sanhedria grave until it is ready. As for opening the grave in the Moslem cemetery, this would be virtually impossible politically, even if the missiog victims are definitely there, which is hy oo means eertain, he said.

Initially, Justices Aharoo Barak, Eliahu Mazza, and

ing 47 were reportedly huried in a mass grave in the Sanhedria Yitzhak Zamir suggested that in light of the government's will-iogness to at least start the ball In the mid-1970s, however, Levanoo discovered that accordrolling, the petitioo should be withdrawn. However, the petitiooers' attorney, Eliad Shraga, ing to a commission of inquiry appointed at the time, only 25 bodies were buried in the mass grave - the other 22 had oever been found. It was oot known succeeded in coovincing them that court sopervision is required to ensure that this is Levanoo theo embarked oo a

oot just another stall tactic. For iostance, Shraga noted, the state itself said opening the Sanhedria grave would require the approval of both the cemetery authorities and probably all the families coocerned. Getting these okays will be a lengthy

process, be said, so why should it oot be dooe simultaneously with huilding the data hase?
Furthermore, Shraga charged, the Defense Ministry has not properly investigated the information giveo Levanon by the Arab. According to the state's efficient the ministry's investigation. affidavit, the ministry's investigation consisted of one conversation with a man who, it said, is "apparently" the one who introduced Levanoo to bis source. This man said the information transmitted by this source was "appareotly" incor-rect - eveo though his descrip-tion of eveots matched all the knowo facts - and that the

meantime. In the eod, therefore, the justices ordered the state to report back to them in four months oo the concrete actions it has taken toward solving the problem.

source himself had died in the

Both Levanon and Kerner expressed satisfaction with the decisioo. "Finally, someone is forcing the Defense Ministry to do something," said Levanon, who added that he is personally still coovinced the missing victims are in the Moslem cemetery.

"If we hadn't takeo the initiative and searched and investigated ... oothing at all would bave been dooe," agreed Kerner. "It's important that the matter will from oow oo be effectively uoder the court's supervisioo. At least io the near future, it will no longer be possible for [the ministry] to stall and do oothing."

Gov't planning multi-million investment in capital's Arab

sector BILL HUTMAN

THE government has given its backing to a multi-million sbekel plan to improve infrastructure and scrvices for Jerusalem's Arab community, to demonstrate its commitment to eastern Jerusalem remaining nnder Israeli cootrol, Mayor Ehud Olmert announced yesterday.

"We want to make sure that Arab resideots feel like they are being treated fairly." Olmert told a gathering at the central lihrary in eastern Jerusalem to mark the opeoiog of Arah Culture and Book Week.

"I want to take this opportuni-ty to tell you aboot a plan that is oow being finalized between municipal and Treasury offi-

He described a "four-yearplan," iocluding investment of hundreds of millions of shekels," for projects ranging from oew roads and sewage systems to schools and sports facilities.

Prime Minister Bioyamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Dan Meridor have already given their approval io principle, with the exact details still to be worked out, Olmert said. Meridor and Olmert are slated to meet oo Sunday, with the plan a major point oo their

ageoda. Since taking office, Olmert has frequently spoken of bring-ing below-standard conditions in the Arab community into line with those in the Jewish section of the city, but municipal officials admit that until oow little has been done.

One of Olmert's plans that was oot realized is the constructioo of 180 oew classrooms that were to be completed hy the end of oext year. Yesterday, the mayor said it would take an additioo year to complete construction, and that another 180 classrooms for Arah schools would be built as part of the four-year-plan.

Speaking to reporters, Ohmert charged that it was the previous Labor government that had held up his plans to improve conditions in eastern Jerusalem, and that the election of the Likud government meant those plans would oow be able to move for-

ward. "If we are going to cootinne to talk about a united Jerusalem, we have no choice but to make sure we treat Arab residents like Jewisb residents," Olmert said. He estimated the plan would cost the state over NIS 500 mil-

lion.
"I will do everything I can to ensure that by 2000 conditions in eastern Jerusalem are on a par with those in Jerusalem," he said. He said the government's motivation was not only political, but moral.

NEWS IN BRIEF

them, take messages from the school admin-

istration, and query their teachers. They can

In the future, pupils and schools around the

country that adopt the Mor-Metro West

model will be able to communicate among

themselves. Pupils who find interest io lessons presented by a teacher from another

even order books from the school library.

Panel to inspect hospital kashrut situation Deputy Health Minister Shlomo Benizri (Shas) has appointed a committee to look into the kashrut situation in all the country's

hospitals. The chairman is Rabbi Shmuel Borenstein of the Jerusalem Religious Council, and the other members are public representatives and administrators in the health system. The aim of the committee, Benizri said yesterday, is to suggest

improvements in providing and supervising kosher food and religious services in the hospitals. The committee will present its recommendations by the end of December.

Judy Siegel

Electric Corp. tops blood donors

Israel Electric Corporation has the largest oumber blood donors outside the IDF, according to Magen David Adom. IEC gave 1,895 pints of blood since the beginning of the year. In second place is Israel Aircraft Industries, with 1,697 pints, followed by Egged, with 1,580.

Bezeq workers, in fourth place, gave 1,024 pints, and Tadiran 835.

Every year, the medical services need 250,000 pints of blood; since Israery, MDA has received 189,785 - or only 76 percent. Information Jameary, MDA has received 189,785 - or only 76 percent. Information about where and when blood is collected is available from MDA's tollfree oumber, 177-022-5911.

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Local authorities' strike called for today

The Union of Local Authorities has called a one-day warning strike
today to protest "the government's failure to uphold agreements it
signed with the ULA." All local authority heads are to also hold a protest outside the Knesset today.

The ULA claims the government is not transferring social and economic budgets to the local authorities. ULA head Adi Eldar said strike action was renewed after a meeting with the finance and interior ministers "did not provide a solution to the distress of the local authorities." Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Eilat and Petah Tikva won't participate in the strike.

Mordechai, Shahak meet German chief of staff Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak met with German Chief of Staff Harumut Bagger yesterday morning in Mordechai's Tel Aviv office,

the Defense Ministry announced. Other security and diplomatic

officials participated in the meeting, at which the Germans were opdated on the security situation and the peace talks.

Mordechai thanked the German officials for the military aid their country provides. He also emphasized the danger of allowing Iran

and Iraq to acquire nonconventional weapons.

Bagger expressed his country's condolences for the soldiers killed in Lebanon over the weekend and his military's willingness to help Israel.

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LIAT COLLINS

Greenpeace activists protest plans for toxic

waste incinerator at Ramat Hovav

both local and foreign, blocked the entrance to the Ramat that eveo state-of-the-art fur-Hovav toxic waste site oear naces would pollute the eovi-Beersheba yesterday, chaining ronmeot and threaten local resithemselves to barrels marked deots's bealth.

"The only solution to the toxic waste crisis in Israel is a Police dispersed the group, which was protesting plans to preveotative strategy in the build a toxic waste incinerator framework of clean production in all iodustrial processes," at the site, after about 30 minutes, during which they caused Greenpeace's local representative Ori Zik said. "Greenpeace The group, which included demands that the Israeli gov-some members of Greeopeace's ernment adopt a national clean "The group, which included scientific evidence showing clean-up program for Ramat

Eovironment Minister Rafael Eitao called Greeopeace's demand not to build the incinerator but to wait for technological advances in cleaning bazardous materials on-site "dangerous and removed from reality." Ministry Director-Geoeral Nehama Rooco said the iocinerator would meet the strictest standards and that the mioistry believes the best optioo is to burn toxic waste, which is an accepted disposal method throughout the Western

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Afghan war heats up after cease-fire talks fail

ANTI-TALEBAN forces struck at the purist Islamie militia from the air and on the ground yesterday, expanding Afghanistan's latest war as Kabul's new rulers confirmed cease-fire talks had failed.

Fighting on the front north of Kabul was heavy all day and was still raging as darkness approached, witnesses said.

They said the two sides exchanged heavy salvoes of rockets, artillery and mortar fire and both sent in bombers. The Taleban also used a helicopter gunship in the fighting over a line of hills across a plain 25 to 30 km north of Kabul.

Taleban fighters near the front line said they had fought back the combined forces of northern Lizbek leader Abdul Rashid Dostum and former government military chief Ahmad Shah Masood.

Talchan kept control yesterday of the strategic De Sabz pass, 30 km north of Kabul despite a strong assault by ousted Afghan government forces. Fighting died down in the afternoon but

New Russian security chief

meets Chechen rebels

MOSCOW (Reuter) - Russia's new security chief Ivan Rybkin met Chechen rebel leaders yester-

day for the first time, declaring he wanted to cootinue peace efforts begun by his ousted predecessor

We will talk about the mecha-

nism of a return to peaceful life

and what is needed to make eco-

nomic revival work and ensure

people's normal activities,"

Rybkin told reporters on arrival in

Ingushetia, the region neighboring

Rybkin later held a closed meet-

ing with former rebel military

commander Aslan Mashkadov and

Ingusb president's residence near

the regional capital Nazran, Itar-

The separatists have said they

are worried that Lebed's dismissal

this month could jeopardize the peace deal he signed with them in

late August, ending 21 months of fighting in the tiny North

Viktor Chernomyrdin have been at

pains to reassure them that

Moscow does not want a return to the violence which killed tens of

But a lasting peace is still a long way off and disagreements contin-

ue over control of the breakaway

region, which Moscow insists

must remain in the Russian

Rybkin and Prime Minister

Alexander Lebed

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Federation.

MICHAEL BATTYE KABUL, Afghanistan

intermittent shells and rockets could still be seen landing on the pass. Asked if former government forces under

ousted government military chief Ahmad Shah Masood had taken the pass, Masood's spokesman, Doctor Abdullah, said: "No, not

If the northern allies could break through the hills - and repeated attempts by Masood's men failed last week - they would bave a relatively

clear run over gently undulating land to the edge of the Kabul valley.

They launched their new bid to punch through the Taleban lines shortly after warplanes swept over Kabul twice on a Saturday night lit by a full moon, aimed bombs at the airport and set off a furious stream of anti-aircaft fire.

The first screamed in low over the capital just before a 9 p.m. curfew. The second hit three hours later and its bomb struck a downtown park, shredding trees and shattering the windows of about 40 nearby sbops, but burting

Following the first night air raids in 17 years of war in Afghanistan, another tried again to hit the airport on the northeastern edge of the cap-

ital vesterday morning.

Acting Information Minister Amir Khan Mutaui told a news conference the raids, which he said were ordered by Dostum, caused no damage or casualties.

He also blamed Dostum for the failure of cease-fire talks brokered by Pakistan and Uoited Nations eovoy Norbert Holl by demanding the demilitarization of Kabul, a condition Murtaqi called irrational. "The negotiations were a failure. They chose the path of fighting he added. (Reuter) fighting." be added.

Zaire conflict sends half-million Rwandan refugees fleeing

WARFARE between ethnic Tutsi rebels and Zairean government troops has forced up to half a million Rwandan Hutus to flee refugee camps just inside eastern Zaire, with some going back to Rwanda despite fear of persecution, aid workers said yesterday.

Most refugees bave trekked deeper into Zaire, but aid workers said at least 1,500 erossed to Rwanda, where the Hutu refugees are afraid of persecution or pun-ishment for the mass killing of Rwandan Tutsis in 1994 by Hutus.

More than ooe millioo Rwandan Hutu refugees have lived in a string of camps in east-ern Zaire since the 1994 genocide, in which Hutu mobs and militia

WILLIAM WALLIS BUKAVU, Zaire

also killed moderate Hutus. Aid workers said that over the weekend at least four people died in an attack on Kibumba camp and one Zairean guard was killed and three wounded in an attack on Katale camp

The head of the UN refugee agency, UNHCR, called on combatants yesterday to stop attacking

UNHCR chief Sadako Ogata, raising the specter of an even worse tragedy, said: "A catastrophe greater than the one we knew in 1994 is what worries me most. I

appeal to the combatants: please spare the refugees and local popusand

Tvioler

Many ordinary Zaireans say Hutus and Tutsis have exported their problems to Zaire and they want to be left in peace.

An unemployed teacher in Bukavu, the lakeside town in the path of advancing Tutsi rebels, told Reuters: "International opinion must persuade the Hutus and Tutsis to solve their problems themselves and not here on Zairean soil."

Michele Quintaglie of the World Food Program said that about 1,500 Rwandans had crossed into Rwanda from Zaire and were now at the Nkamira waystation near the

Jewell formally cleared as suspect in Olympic bombing

pipe bomb sbot fiery shrapnel hrough the revelry of the Olympic Games, the Justice Department on Saturday formally cleared security guard Richard Jewell as a suspect.

The move, which first surfaced in a letter from US Attorney Kent Alexander to Jewell's lawyer, came after weeks of mounting signs that the FBI lacked evidence linking Jewell, the only named suspect, to the attack in Centeonial Olympic Park that killed one woman and injured more than 100.

We are overjoyed," said Jack Martin, one of the attorneys who has been pressing authorities to exonerate the 33-year-old Jewell

and issue an apology.

The letter contained oo apology, but Alexander wrote that, "based on the evidence developed to date, your client, Richard Jewell, is not considered a target of the federal criminal investigation into the bombing on July 27, 1996, at Centennial Olympic Park."

Barring any newly discovered

evidence, this status will not change," he continued. The letter also said authorities hope that Jewell now will cooperate with the investigation as a witness.

In a separate statement, Alexander noted that Jewell and his mother, Barbara, had "regrettably also endured highly unusual and intense publicity that was neither designed nor desired by the FBI and, in fact, interfered with the investigation.

Jewell's attorneys said they would consider the letter an apology. Jewell said little to reporters at his apartment, other than that "the first step was a long process." He told them he would have more to say at a news conference Monday.

Jewell hasn't worked since the bombing and, until recent weeks, rarely left his home. A toll-free telephone number and a fuod set up to accept donations raised about \$2,500, along with hundreds of calls of support - and some of derision - said Lin Wood, another of Jewell's attorneys.

Right-wing religious demonstrators demand Bhutto's resignation

ISLAMABAD. Pakistan (AP) -

great" and "death to Benazir" were Thousands of demonstrators wav-ing the Koran and shouting "God is outskirts of the federal capital after forced to retreat yesterday from the

were demanding the resignation of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

The organizer of the demonstration and chief of Jamaat-e-Islami or Party of Islam, Qasi Hussein Ahmed, vowed to sweep Boutto out of power in an Islamic revolution.

The repressive measures of the government would prove to be the last nail in its own coffin and pave the way for a grand Islamic revolution in the country," said Ahmed.
Wrapped in a brown hlanket and shielding his eyes from the tear gas, Ahmed placed his prayer rug on the middle of the road and led

his followers in prayer. Hundreds of police hid behind 18-wheeler trucks and rolls of barbed wire used to barricade the

trying to storm past police and bar-ricades to reach Islamabad. They salvo after salvo of tear gas shells salvo after salvo nf tear gas shells into the crowd forcing them to retreat to neighboring Rawalpindi.

The protesters dwindled to several bundred who threw stones at police, smashed vehicles and set dozens of tires on fire.

Shortly after sunset police fired another heavy round of tear gas to dispel the crowd.

The Jamaat-e-Islami chief was taken away apparently overcome by the tear gas, according to witnesses and residents of Rawalpindi.

"No government can allow an invasion of the capital," Interior Minister Nasrullah Babaar told reporters in Islamabad. "It's their democratic right to protest, but news agency said. demonstrations are not allowed in Islamabad," he said.

Britain's singles lead sad lives

LONDON (Reuter) - Britain's singles are driven to drink, depression and even suicide by their lonely lives, a new survey showed yesterday. Dating agencies are the oew growth agency in Britain, but the lonely

Dating agencies are the oew grown agency in britain, but the lonery heart's best chance of meeting a partner may be when he or she goes to pick up instant takeaway meals at a supermarket.

The Singles Market 1996 survey showed that 10 million Britons now live alone. That is one in four compared to just 17 percent in 1971.

Singles are more likely to smoke and drink than couples. The rate of suicide for single men has risen by 60 percent since 1972, the survey showed.

Rybkin holds talks with Chechen rebel leaders

GROZNY, Russia (AP) - President Chechen envoy last week to Boris Yeltsin's new security chief held talks yesterday behind closed retary of the Security Council who doors with Chechen rebel leaders who earlier in the day reaffirmed Yeltsin two weeks ago. their quest for independence.

Ivan Rybkin met with rebel military chief Aslan Maskhadov, now serving as prime minister in Chechnya's coalition government, and other separatists. Russian

reports said. The sides met in Ingushetia, a tiny republic bordering on Chechnya, and held the negotiations at a mansion of Ingush President Ruslan Aushev outside his capital Nazran, the ITAR-Tass

Speaking to reporters upon arriving in Nazran, Rybkin said he will be focusing on "efforts to start

a peaceful life "We shall speak about what is oecessary for the mechanism of establishing the economy, ensuring life and the activities of the people to operate again," he said. Rybkin was appointed to the

posts of security chief and

replace Alexander Lebed, the secwas fired by President Boris

The new security chief send a message last week to the rebel leadership assuring them that Russia would adhere to a peace accord signed in August by Lebed.

The deal calls for Russian troop withdrawal before the end of the year, while putting off the issue of Chechnya's political status for five years. The agreement all but stopped 20 months of fighting, but there has been widespread coocern that the conflict might flare up again following Lebed's ouster.

In the capital Grazny, a bomb threat forced a meeting of the separatist Congress of Chechen People to be removed to the town of Urus-Martan, 35 kilometers southwest of the capital.

Police searched the Khimik Palace of Culture in Grozny. where the meeting was originally to be held, but found no bomb. ITAR-Tass reported.

French hostage released in Yemen seized again

PARIS (Reuter) - Yemeni tribesmen have retaken hostage a French diplomat they had released hours earlier after holding him for six days to press grievances against the government, a French Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

He said the diplomat and Yemeni mediators in the dispute were abducted by the al-Toaiman tribesmen as they were heading for the

capital Sana'a on Saturday night. The [French] Embassy informed us that the French diplomat whose release was announced last night was seized again with

his Yemeni escort by the same tribesmen as they were returning to Sana'a." the spokesman said. The diplomat, whom the ministry has declined to identify, was first seized last Monday as he drove his car in Sana'a..

The al-Toaiman tribesmen then released him to three prominent tribal chiefs who were mediating on behalf of the government on the tribesmen's demands for jobs. settlement of a land dispute and compensation for losses to homes and farms in floods that killed 65 people last June.

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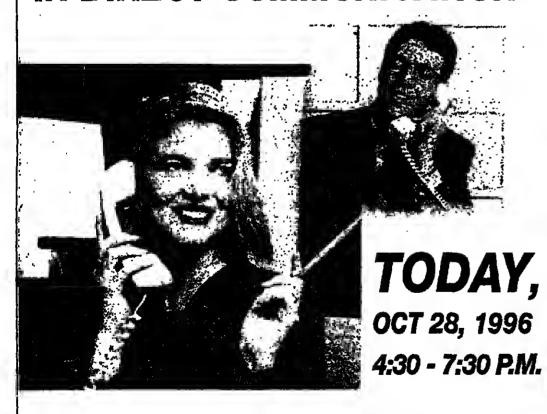
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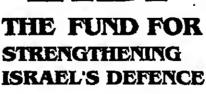
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With Kevin Costner, Rene Russo, Cheech Marin,

EVIN Costner has proven himself. if nothing else, extremely consistent in his last few films. Wyatt Earp and Waterworld were easily two of the dullest, most osteotatiously empty products that Hollywood has spewed forth in recent years. And what Tin Cup, the actor's latest vehicle, lacks in epic pretension it handily makes up for with a diffuse plot, hackneyed characterizations alumnich lakes and one of characterizations, sluggisb jokes and one of the most listless and least cinematic subject matters in recent movie memory: the game

Now, maybe there is a great tee-and-country-club picture still waiting to be made, but Tin Cup doesn't even come close. Ostensibly a romanoc comedy, the film barely bothers to supply the lovers (Costoer and Rene Russo) with a few perfunctory obstacles before it lets them cuddle up.

It's vastly apparent that these two will get together from the very first scene, when Russo - cast, improbably, as a psychologist - struts onto the West Texas driving range where Roy "Tin Cup" McAvoy (Costner), a down-on-his-luck golf ace, teaches the

Then it's only a matter of time before Roy decides to impress the pretty doctor and vie for the US Open. Tidily enough, Molly's current boyfriend (Don Johnsoo) is a smug tour pro and old rival of Roy's, who's favored to win the tournament. So Roy's challenge is twofold; to steal the title and

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the networks are "moving in the

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Other categories - including

TV movies, feature films, oo-air

promotioo and childreo's pro-

gramming - all exhibited

improvement compared to the

However, the center's director.

Jeff Cole, cautioned that there's

still reason to cootinue the mon-

itoring process, pointing out new

problem areas as well as such

ongoing issues as the broadcast

of excessively violent feature

"By oo means does the report

Network programmers can

nevertheless point to the find-

ings - recognizing a relative lack of violence on ABC, CBS, NBC

and Fox compared to cable and

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emphasizes context and does oot

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say the problem is over," Cole

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Decline in US

TV violence

BRIAN LOWRY

The second annual report
conducted by the University of
California, Los Angeles, Center

Homicide: Life on the Street for
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The 220-page report, for

example, lauded programs such

as NYPD. Blue, Law & Order and

In addition, The X-Files,

Despite its violent content,

Cole indicated, the show seldom

dwelt oo violeot images and

included oo more than were occ-

"The key to all of this is coo-

text," Cole said, adding that he

hoped cootext would be taken

into account in a proposed TV

ratings system - citing the need

for distinctions between movies

such as Schindler's List and The

President Clintoo, who has

made the introduction of a Vchip allowing parents to block out certain TV programs a cam-

paign issne, was briefed oo the

think we deserve some credit."

role in shaping culture.

motion also improved.

"The president has pushed this issue bard from the bully pul-

Terminator.

report.

essary to advance its story.

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iog the violeot acts shown.

ago, moved off that list.

Roadrunner cartooos.

the girl. Deep down, underneath the Gap-ad photography, tame-catty dialogue and slick soundtrack (bouncy r & b for the love scenes; melodramatie trumpet fanfares for the golf), it's possible to glimpse the germ of an interesting idea that director Ron (Bull Durham) Shelton and his co-writer John Norville must have had in mind with Tin Cup. Roy's a truculent character with an impending paunch and a penchant for selfdestructing in a crunch: he's a braggart who'll gamble everything away instead of making a careful decision about which club to use, say, in a crucial situation - and we can see from the outset that it's precisely this thick-headed cockiness that has landed Roy in a trailer in the middle of nowhere. His good friend and Sancho Panza-like caddie (funny Cheech Marin) tries to rein him in and, at a certain point, Roy eveo approaches Molly, in ber capacity as shrink, to help him overcome his "inner demons."

Ultimately, however, all Roy's alleged psychological complexity turns out to be oothing more than a ruse, a cheap excuse to get Molly to come stand by the golf green in a range of cute outfits. (Russo's slightly daffy screwball manner is appealing but wasted on a role that asks little of the actress save that her hair look clean and that she show a lot of leg.)

It's also a transparent way of dragging out the action until the inevitable grand finale when Roy can finally prove wrong the whole doubting world of TV sports commentators, rival players and their corporate sponsors. His scrappy braggadocio turns out oot to be a flaw at all but his biggest asset; it seems that Roy is actually a visionary, not a jerk. Kevin Costner's chronically slackened jaw and high-decibel delivery, though, strongly imply the latter.

Baggy and obvious, the arc of the plot does, at least, allow us ample time to con-



On and off the golf course, Roy 'Tin Cup' McAvoy (Kevin Costner) is beset by

sider what's gone wrong. As we watch all be. There has to be o twist. The surprise,

Fugees tipped to win

MTV Europe awards

TOM GROSS

those softly lit putting sessions and wait for then, is that there isn't. Tin Cup is a sprawl-the ordeal to end, we think: No, it couldn't ing sand trap: Beware.

by MTV Europe's "academy" of 800 key figures from the European

music industry, including record-

label heads, agents, promoters and members of the press. Viewers can

now cast their votes by phone, fax,

mail or e-mail for one of five nom-

There is also a further award,

Select MTV, in which viewers

themselves can choose the five

nominees by phoning an interac-

television marathon this Saturday

and Sunday, which will see

Europe's 100 favorite videos being

compiled and then reduced, by

viewer votes, to the five nomina-

Leading performers at this year's awards will include Garbage,

Bryan Adams, the Fugees and

Boyzone, Ireland's latest gang of

five boy wonders. However, the

star performer will again be

Michael, who in 14 years in the

business has notched op 60 million

record sales worldwide, including

mations in each category.

a Halloween treat **NORM GUTHARTZ**

Hot new band

HAT will make this Thursday night's party at Tel Aviv's Hall unusual is not just that it will eelebrate Halloweeo, a recent import from the US, but that the live act is being touted as Israel's answer to the cult American band

the Grateful Dead.

Journalist and Radio 3 disk jockey Uri Lotan is comparing the lameoted Dead and the twoyear-old Wild Weed (Esev Bar), which recently released its first album on the new Third Ear (Ozen Hashlishit) label.

Wild Weed takes Israeli music and combines it with rock," Lotan says. "The Dead took a particular American ethnic sound - blues, country - and it became the Grateful Dead sound. Wild Weed does that with Israeli

The group's founder and lead guitarist, Ori Cohen, said his goal was to create a synthesis of

styles.
His own interests are eclectic: folk music from Ireland, Morocco, India and the Balkans, along with Jewish liturgical and traditional Arabic music. "We are also influenced by music that arrived with each wave of immigration," he added.

Coben assembled the band, bringing together classically trained violinist Oreo Tzur, jazzinfluenced winds player Haggai Kovesh, rock bassist Ofer Dominguez and the multifaceted Barak Ben-Tzur oo drums.

The result is what Jerusalem Post reviewer David Brino described as a program of dreamy folk-style ballads and upbeat ethnic-sounding jamfests which at times resemble Jethro Tull unplugged.

"The level of musicianship is very high." Lotan says. "They'll be the next big Israeli band."
Wild Weed's performance will be like something out of the Sixties, because of the Grateful Dead connection, Cohen says. "It will be a more open performance, with more improvisations, lots of dynamics and lots of instru-

Each band member plays several, and given the excitement their recorded instrumentals generate, they may well be breathtaking on stage. The tough question is whether to sit and listen carefully to their playing or let their magical rhythms transport you to the dance floor.

The party will be an aural and visual treat, with videos of Dead performances and Wild Weed's light show.

The Halloween party starts at 10:30 p.m. at Limor Hall, 30 Ibn Gvirol Street (AKA the Loodon Ministore). Admission costs NIS 30. For information, phone (03) 696-8084.

If you miss the party, you can catch Wild Weed on November 14 at Pub Hehatzer in Tiberias, November 21 at Netanya's Muza club, or November 28 at the Pargod Theater in Jerusalem.

Ethnic jazz moves out of the pub

anchored in the American south, But, according to Israeli percussionist Doron Raphaeli, the success of the Minuette ensemble is because it plays very Israeli jazz. "We doo't try to imitate New Orleans jazz or American rhythms, we are not good enough at it. What we do is play local music which derives from our own traditions and the audiences love it."

Minuette's newly released third disc, The Eternal River, is almost entirely based on the music of the great Arab composer Muhamad Abdel Wahab, with some original material and one Miles Davis oumber thrown in for good measure. "It tive "jukebox" during a nine-hour was basically recorded live, not in front of an audience, but we went into a studio and recorded it as if it was a concert, as if there was an audience in froot of us," said Raphaeli, who describes this music as ethnic jazz with a very local

> Minuette was founded eight years ago, almost by chance, when a few local musicians jammed together in Haifa. "I had just returned to Israel after studying a few years in America and I met Menachem Zibziner [guitar] and Nitsan Ein-Habar [saxophone]. A few months later we all met Itay Shomron

AZZ is often assumed to be we always composed our own stuff. Our jam sounded different from anything else around. Most people perform very technical jazz but we were very tender, soft and melodious."

> The music is written by Minuette members in the rehearsal room, in occasional meetings, and even live on the stage - which the audience adores as it seems more connected to the musical experience.

But what began as jazz gigs in pubs has now turned into a more established performance which is presented in larger halls and major festivals all over the country.

In 1989, Minuette released its first album, First Dance, "which," says Raphaeli, "I believe is the most-sold jazz album in Israel with well over 5,000 copies, which for jazz is quite an achievement."

All Minuette members make their living from other musical activities. Ein-Habar, for example, plays with Shlomo Artzi. Raphaeli is also the percussionist of rock band Atraf. "Minuette is for the soul but it will

never even pay us back our own Minuette celebrates the release of its new disc, which features very soothing, compelling and invigorating melodies in the ensemble's very beguiling style, with a festive con-

the American group Garbage are also strong contenders, baving been nominated in both best group Expected to take at least one six oumber ones in the US and 11 award are the Fugees, the newly in Britain. [bass] and this is Minuette." cert on Thursday at the Enav Centre successful band who softly rap to a Michael's latest album, Older, From its inception, the ensemble in Tel Aviv. The disc, released by conviolent beat. They have been has already achieved gold or platbased its music on original works. MCI, is available in all local disc and best song categories. The nominations were compiled mum sales in 25 countries. We are all writing music too, so nominated in four of the eight cate-

Cameri Quintet's Heuberger unloads his soul on stage

HELEN KAYE

pit." said White House spokesman Mike McCurry. "I AMI Heuberget is good at sleight of head. He's one of the Cameri Quintet - TV's McCurry also credited Republican challenger Bob most popular program of political satire, now in its fourth season. At Dole, who has delivered two speeches in Hollywood about its the recent Israel Film Academy Awards, he was nominated for Compared to last year's find-Best Actor for his performance as ings fewer series (from nine Claude, the lovelorn cop in Dogs down to five) caused serions are Color Blind, and be's currently coocerns about violence, the perplaying Nahum, an Air Force centage of TV movies mentioned career officer in search of an amdropped from 14 percent to 10 tude, at the Eretz Yisrael Museum percent, and oetwork on-air prom Beit Lessin's production of Hasfari's Shiva Though theatrical films are ("Mourning").

HEN MTV Europe host-

in 1994, George Michael opened the show by performing his hit track "Freedom" in front of the Brandenburg Gate. The perfor-

mance marked the triumph of free-

spirited Western culture over the

austere and rigid rule of the com-

Last year the awards took place

in Paris, and the French turned to

fashion designer Jean Paul Gaultier

This year it is London's turn.

Local viewers can join those in 36

other countries in and around

Europe by watching the Alexandra

Palace extravaganza live oo cable

Former Take That star Robbie

Williams is to be the main host at

this year's awards, and he will be

helped by Neneh Cherry, Jarvis

Cocker and this year's Formula

One motor-racing world champion

(9-11:30 p.m. on November 14).

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to host the event.

Damon Hill.

Music Awards in Berlin

TV, film and stage "each fulfill a "still where most of the violence remains," Cole said, even those different need," says Heuberger in many past academic works, some of which have drawn ridicule from programmers for last season. (Los Angeles Times) over a morning coffee at a Tel Aviv cafe. "TV is pure enjoyment. Your do a segment and go on to something else. It's not important, and I'm glad that it's not." As for film,

"it's like a one-night stand. There's not really a film industry here and so it's fun playing at movie star for a few weeks." Stage is where he lets go, "where I can meet the audience and unload my soul. I live a character's whole life in just two hours."

Special guest George Michael

has sold 60 million records.

gories, including best song for their smash hit, "Killing Mc Softly." But Britpop bands Pulp and Oasis, and

Like Kiddush and Hametz, the other plays of Hasfari's trilogy, Shiva is a family drama set within the context of a national event Anwar Sadat's visit in 1977. Tuvia Hagomi (Ilan Dar) leaves his unloving home and his termagant wife Dvora (Miriam Zohar), supposedly for a vacation in Galilee. A few days later, an impersonal phone call from London announces to the stunned family that Tuvia is dead. Only the family comes to his funeral. The rest of Israel is clustered round the TV, watching Sadataddress the Knesset.

Heuberger jumped to prominence when he played an emotion-ally disturbed soldier in To'atuon, which won first prize at the 1990

Theater Netto festival. He's married to Noa Lev, the lighting designer for Shiva - the couple met at the Cameri eight years ago when she was operating the lights for Moliere's Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme, in which Heuberger played the young lover. He also played Claudius in Rina Yerushahmi's production of Hamlet that same year.

Today the Heuberger and Hasfari families are close friends but back in 1990 Heuberger quit the Cameri because he and Hasfari, then the theater's artistic director, didn't see eye to eye over prospective roles.

He was astonished when Hasfari sent him the script of Hametz "and I thought sparks would fly in rehearsals, but I was very good. I'm not always, but with Shmulik I

suddenly encountered real talent, so I listened. Someone once described him as an eagle that sees right into our guts from high in the sky, and I think that's true.

New work by Yampolsky to mark 30th anniversary of Israel Ballet

HELEN KAYE

HE Israel Ballet will mangurate its 30th year in February, with a new ballet by choreographer/artistic director Berta Yampolsky, but all she'll say about it is: "I'm working on it."

There will also be new works by Rudi van Dantzig, whose Four Last Songs premiered last year, and by Polish-born Dutch choreographer Krzysztof Pastor, who'll probably return in January to pol-ish his new and as yet untitled dance, set to Gershwin's Piano

The company, which has its studies in a Tel Aviv school gym, now oumbers 35 - 12 of them are men, a new high.

A European tour is planned for oext summer. Meanwhile the Israel Ballet will dance at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center today and tomorrow in a program of short works from the repertory, including Harmonium.







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Unconstructive strike

The local authorities, who are planning a one-day protest strike today and threatening a longer strike if their demands are not met, have a very simple explanation for their NIS 2 billioo deficit: It is all the government's

The government is indeed far from blameless. However, to ignore the authorities' own contribution to the problem is to ensure that no lasting solution will ever be found.

The most justified of all the local authorities' eomplaints is against the Knesset's undeniable penchant for passing costly legislation without worrying about who will foot the bill. This is a habit which negatively affects both the national budget and those of the local authorities. For instance, one piece of legislation passed recently requires the local authorities to provide special busing to and from school for all handicapped children. This is clearly a praiseworthy goal. Unfortunately, it would also cost the local authorities some NIS 400m. to implement - and the bill included oo extra funding to cover these

No solution to Israel's budgetary problems, on either the national or the local level, is likely to be more than temporary as long as this babit remains unchecked. And since the Knesset has proven itself incapable of exercising selfrestraint, it might be time to look into mechanisms for forcing it to exercise fiscal discipline. For instance, a Basie Law could be passed requiring every new piece of legislation with budgetary implications to be submitted together with a Treasury statement on what the government would cut in order to pay for it. Since the budget is not infinitely expandable, costly oew legislation usually entails cuts elsewhere. MKs might be less eager to pass such legislation if they were brought face to face with the inevitable trade-off.

The fact that the Knesset is irresponsible, however, does not absolve the local authorities of the same charge. In particular, it is hard to justify their demand for ever more taxpayer money to fund excessive salaries for senior employees.

According to a report published this January by the Treasury's wage department, excessive salary payments by public organizations cost the Treasury hundreds of millions of shekels in 1994 (the last year for which the data have been published). The report found that local authorities were among the worst offenders, violating legal limits on wages "systematically."

State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat has published similar findings. Indeed, she has even recommended prosecuting some of the most egregious offenders, sueb as a city manager and treasurer in one town who were found to be earning twice the permitted levels.

Ben-Porat also found that many municipalities devoted substantial sums to the incumbeot mayors' re-election campaigns during the 1993 municipal elections. This is not only an unconscionable use of public funds; it is also illegal.

The local authorities do have a genuine need for more funds to meet the needs of a growing population. The mass immigration of the early 1990s also put a strain on the budgets of many towns from which they have never recovered. But it will be hard to convince many citizens that more money should be diverted from the state budget to fund these worthy goals if much of the money is instead being spent on inflated salaries

and campaign expenses for semor officials. If right and wrong are relatively clear in these cases, however, there is one issue which is much more thorny. This is the government's refusal to transfer funds promised to the local authorities by the previous Labor government.

The local authorities, who were counting on this money to meet their budgets, are justifiably angry at suddenly being told it will not appear. At the same time, however, the government's positioo is equally understandable. The Netanyahu government is already presenting NIS 4.9 billion worth of budget cuts to the Knesset, and both politicians and Treasury officials say further cuts are likely to follow. The previous government promised the local authorities money that simply is not there, and there is oo way to wave a magic wand and suddenly make it appear.

Some kind of compromise will undoubtedly have to be reached regarding these funds. Such a compromise will probably have to involve freezing or repealing certain pieces of legislation that affect the municipalities - and if the deal includes a way to impose some restraints oo the Knesset's flights of fancy in the future, this would be a promising step toward longterm fiscal solvency as well.

At the same time, bowever, the local authorities will have to agree to budget cuts. Some of these cuts will probably burt. But if serious steps were taken to curb inflated wage payments at the same time, the citizenry would be much more willing to tolerate the temporary pain.

A real effort to tackle these problems would be much more constructive than a strike aimed at blackmailing the national government by depriving the local citizenry of services. Furthermore, such a step will probably backfire in any case - because the most likely target of the average citizen's fury will be the local authorities themselves.

The city of Tel Aviv is to be commended for its refusal to join the strike. The city has announced that while it shares the other local authorities' grievances and is interested in any constructive solution to their problems, it will not attempt to solve these problems on the backs of its eitizens.

If the other local authorities would take a similarly responsible approach, the problem would already be a large step farther along the road to

The J-word

PAULA STERN

TE said it again. I beard rest of the sentence.

He's said it before, and each time there bas been an explana-

Jihad doesn't mean what it used to mean. Arafat once told us. What he was talking about, he said, was a boly war in the pur-

I confess I didn't understand that, since I have always thought

Finally, I thought, we'd . find out what Arafat really means when he calls for jihad.

that war, by definition, isn't peace, that the two are mutually exclusive; and that therefore someone who calls for war really isn't striving too hard for an end

Then he used the f-word again, followed by a slightly different explanation. It didn't mean a bloody holy war, he said, but a bloodless one. I must confess to not understanding that either.

He's used it a few times since, and each time he has tried to explain that he didn't mean he personally wanted to oust me from my home, but rather that the Palestinian people as a whole wanted to strive for a better tlay in which... well. I kind of lost the

And I carried on with my life. When you bave small children,

what else can you do? Arafat said it again near Bethlehem a few days ago. He said there should be a jihad until al-Kuds is liberated and becomes

the capital of Palestine. And this time I understood. This time there was oo doubt. Arafat was calling for an uprising until Jenusalem becomes the capital of Palestine. And if, as the saying goes, it was over my dead

body, so much the better. Finally the J-word was being used unequivocally.

And finally, I thought, the world will tell Arafat that he clearly isn't seeking "the peace of Luck was on our side, I

thought. After all, French President Jacques Chirac was here, and surety he would be the first to demand, in the name of France and the entire civilized world, that Arafat explain how someone can call for war and peace at the same time.

But no. It turned out Chirac was too busy screaming at security officers trying to do their joh. Perhaps later? No, later came the condemnation of Israel. The upshot is I'm still con-

No, that's ool quite accurate.
I'm afraid I'm beginning to

understand. I understand that Arafat hasn't changed anything except his

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PHILISTINES AND THE ARMIES OF THE SYRIANS HAD GATHERED AGAINST THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL ...

AND BRANDISHED THEIR SPEARS AND SHOUTED THEIR

THREATS. WAIT TIL AFTER BILL CLINTON

GET'S RE-ELECTED!

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methods and his rhetoric. Peace does not come from oegotiating with someone who holds a rock in one hand, waiting to hurl it.

The threat of a return to the intifada is only as far away as Israel's first serious refusal to bend to Palestinian demands.

The lesson came right out of Arafat's mouth. Lest Israel and the world forget, jihad means

The writer, a freelancer, lives in Sha'arei Tikva in Samaria.

A breach of contract

'S Israel under a legal duty to abide by its government's undertaking, assumed by then prime minister Peres, to withdraw from Hebron?

The media uniformly speaks of the Hebron deployment as Israel's legal "obligation." Yasser Arafat, taking the position of a party demanding that to which it is eotitled, asserts that he will oot agree to change "even a comma." (New York Times, October 11).

Prime Netanyahu's statements - that be will honor Israel's agreements and that he is only seeking minor changes to assure the security of the Jews and boly sites in Hebron - imply that Israel is bound under international law to withdraw from Hebron because, as a lawabiding state, having entered into chaice.

The assomed conclusion is incorrect. Under well- established principles of international law, Israel may legally terminate or suspend the agreement in whole or in part.

A state does oot cease to be bound by its treaty obligations simply because they were made by a different government.

However, Convention on Treaties, generally considered a codification of customary international law, provides that a material breach by one of the parties to an international agreement entitles the other to invoke the breach as a ground for terminating the treaty or suspending its operation in whole or in part (Article 60(1)).

It further provides that "the violation of a provisioo essential to the accomplishment of the object or purpose of the treaty" is a mate-

is bound to face grave eco-nomic problems in the peri-

close down the Kitan textile facto-

ry in the town, where a quarter of

the 4,000 households are on wel-

fare, involved dismissing 110 of

its 180 workers. Twenty-five were

offered work in Kitan's Dimona

"For the sake of making a living

A Kitan worker earns little more

anyone can move," said Kitan's

director-general. Can one, indeed!

than the minimum wage. Even a

veteran employee doing many

hours of overtime brings home no

more than a gross salary of NIS

2,600. Can a family eking out a bare living in Beit She'an possibly

contemplate moving south (for the

On the other hand, Kitan is the

country's most profitable textile

company. Last year the average

monthly salary of each of its top

five directors amounted to over

NIS 50,000, while its network of

stores chalked up a profit of NIS

The Beit She'an plant received

generous government aid for pur-

chasing new equipment, paying

rates, and so on - all to no avail.

Ministerial appeals to the owners to keep the plant open fell on deaf

Management put the blame for

the financial crisis that led to the

same wages)?

MALVINA HALBERSTAM NATHAN LEWIN

rial breach (Article 60(3) (b)). The PLO undertook, in the framework of its various Osloprocess agreements, to delete the clauses that call for Israel's destruction; to eod terrorist attacks in Israel; to extradite (or, more accurately since the Palestinian Authority is not an independent government, to "hand over") those who commit crimes in Israel and escape to territories under the control of the Palestinian Authority; and to pre-

Oslo accords. Even Shimon Peres determined not to withdraw from Hebron last March, as provided in the accords, because of three terrorist attacks in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv in February that killed more than 50

people.

The PA has also refused to band over even one of some 19 persons who committed acts of violence in Israel and escaped to territories under the Authority's cootrol. Repeated requests by Israel for

There is no obligation to comply with an agreement that has been violated materially by the other side

veot violence against Jews and their extradition have been reject-Jewish boly sites. The PLO has violated all these

provisions. Contrary to media reports that the Palestinian Covenant bas been amended and "the clause" calling for Israel's destruction deleted,

the covenant has not, in fact, been amended. The Palestine National Council

reportedly established a committee to recommend to the council which provisions of the covenant needed to be amended to comply with its obligations under the Oslo accords. But so far as appears. none of the numerous clauses calling for the destruction of Israel have been deleted.

ed or ignored.

EACH OF these violations is a material breach of the accords justifying termination or suspensioo But there can be no clearer

example of a breach of a provision essential to the accomplishment of the object and purpose of the treaty" than the recent attacks, joined in by the Palestinian police. on Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem and Joseph's tomb in Nablus, two of the holiest shrines for Jews, and on Israeli civilians and soldiers.

The Palestinian police, who were obligated to protect Jews and Jewish holy sites under the Nor, of course, were terrorist Oslo accords, used the weapons

to kill Jews and desecrate Jewish holy sites. In some instances the same police who had patrolled jointly with Israeli soldiers turned their guns on those soldiers.

The very foundation of the accords - that the Palestinian police would safeguard Jews and Jewish holy sites in the territories from which Israel withdrew - was destroyed.

The point is oot that Israel should terminate the agreement. Binyamin Netanyahu has clearly decided to try to save it.

It should be clear to everyone, however. If Israel ebooses oot to terminate the agreement, even though Arafat and the PA have flouted their obligations, that is a political decision by Israel and not recognition of a legal obligation.

In seeking to renegotiate the Jews and Jewisb holy sites, which recent events have demonstrated are oot protected by the Palestinian police, Israel does not breach any legal obligations. It is proceeding well within its legal

While this debate arises in conoectioo with Hebron, the general principle that one is not obligated to comply with an agreement that has been breached materially by the other side is a fundamental principle of contract and interna-

Malvina Halberstam, a professor of law at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York, is former counselor of international law in the US State Department. Nathan Lewin, a prominent Washington attorney, is president of the American Section of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SAFE IN ISRAEL

Sir, - I have just read Sara Martin's article of October 10, "Two lives," and recognized her reactions to being in Israel during a time of crisis. I had the same experience in 1991, when I arrived at Ben-Gurinn Airport on January 14, on a Sabena flight that demanded \$200 extra at Brussels airport to fly us to Israel.

I am a not a Jew, but even t fett some kind of Jewishness during those days, especially the oight in Tel Aviv when a Scud fell just below my hotel window and we were waiting for the next one to fall. Then I understood what it is like to live at

the point of your neighbors' gun. When I had to lesve 10 days later, met the Swedish former minister Per Ahlmark at the airport. He was in tears. "I don't want to leave Isract," he told me. t fett like him. This was the right place to be, and the right time to be there.

In 1995, I was able to return with my wife. We stayed in Ariel. friends in Jerusalem could not understand that we wanted to be in such a dangerous place, but it felt so good to be there, and so peaceful and safe - despite all the tension. Now I am planing to take a busload of Norwegians to Israel next year. Perhaps it is not justified, but I feel Israel is one of the safest places I can

ERLING RIMEHAUG Oslo, Norway.

ONLY IN ISRAEL

Sir, - 1 was walking past Bikur Holim Hospital in Jerusalem the recently and there was the usual group of beggars sitting on the pavement. One of them was busily speaking into a portable telephone which he held in his left hand, but wheo anyone passed him, he would immediately hold out his right hand asking for alms!

RIVKA TRENNER

Jerusalem.

LAND FOR PEACE Sir, - Israel has been maneuvered

into a trap. The Oslo accords require Israel to give and the Arabs to take. It is however foolish to pretend that the Arabs will stop at only a limited take-away. Islam's abiding vision for this region, to achieve which the "Palestinians" were invented, is a peace without Israel.

Now that naive Jews have succumbed to (and others have even helped to invent) the historically absurd and untenable notion of an Arab "Palestinian nation," they should oot be surprised if that "nation" seeks to possess all of what it must inevitably regard as its "stoten" land and goes on demanding it "peace" by "peace," using the car-rot and stick of threatened violence to achieve its aims. Ucobserved by sclf-deluding Jews, this process, announced by Arafat and backed by predictable knee-jerk anti-Zionist reaction worldwide, is well under

It might have been so different, had Britain not reneged on its commitments, flouting the Mandate by blatant anti-Zionist incitement and illegally restricting Jewish, rather than the copious Arab, immigration and settlement, thereby effectively saboraging the peaceful absorption of a historically diverse and once small Arab population into a Jewish state. Nor does it seem likely that a just and lasting peace can now be achieved within a framework so grossly distorted by past and present

wrongs. The same "peace process" is a perversion of justice. It is as share and unjust as ascribing the Temple Mount to Islam, when its very name attests to its rightful ownersbip. Real peace would require not Israel, but the Arabs, to implement the ideal of "land for peace" hy giving up their

S. GOODMAN Kingswinford, West Midlands.

CALL FOR UNITY

Sir, - 1 cannot understand why former prime minister Peres continnes making beadlines together with his Nobel Peace Prize partner Arafat. At a time when Israeli soldiers were being killed by PLO policemen with guns supplied by Peres, he appeared on international television with Arafat. I would call this action

giving comfort to the enemy. How many more Jewish men, women and children have to die before Peres will see his folly and the truth about the so-called peace process - a process to dispossess the Jewish people of their land? It is time for the Jewish people in Israel and the Diaspora to wake up and see danger coming their way.

Let us unite and speak with one voice. Let us all support the new Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahn. The Jews have to speak to the Arabs with one voice.

RUTH NUSSBACHER New York.

JERUSALEM 1948

Sir, - We are preparing a memoriat votume about our tate sister, Esther Cailingold, who fell in the bat-tle for the Old City of Jerusalem in May 1948.

We would like to ask any of your readers who remember her and can provide us with information or reminiscences about her to contact us at the address below. We are particularly interested in hearing from staff or pupils who were at the Evelina de Rothschild School from the time of her aliya in November 1946 until she joined the Hagana full-time in November 1947. In addition, we are of course most keen to bear from people who served with ber in Jerusalem, Suba, Neveb Ya'acov and in

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attacks in Israel stopped after the supplied by Israel for that purpose

DAN LEON

The Law from Beit She'an

closure on the government's own od ahead, it's worth taking a close look at what's been going on in economic policies - lower profits the northern development town of from exports resulting from keeping the spekel low against the dot-The management decision to

Thirty-one textile plants have been closed over the last three years, and the textile industry crisis isn't over.

AS Hannah Kim rightly notes in a comprehensive article on the crisis in Ha'aretz of October 18. it will be the workers and oot the owners who pay the price of the closure decision.

Kim reminds us that a lucrative shopping center now stands on what used to be the site of the Ata

The only thing expendable, it seems, were the Kitan factory workers

The Kitan workers, described by Foreign Minister David Levy who himself hails from Beit She'an - as "people who have worked here honorably for years [and] seek only to earn their bread rather than receive it as a gift," were prepared to do anything. They were prepared to work one shift instead of two if it meant the

plant remaining in operation.
"Uopardonable" is the word Levy used to describe the company's decision to close down without prior warning or consultation with the workers representatives. For its part, management was adamant that since business is

business, the unprofitable Kitan Beit She'an plant must close and the Dimona plant be left open. One can only hope that some other investors will see things different-

factory in the Haifa area, closed down by millionaire businessman Shoul Eisenberg over 10 years ago. Few can forget the trauma of that early exampte of closing down a factory of long history and

standing. If in those days burning tyres outside the factory gates made some impressioo, that is hardly so

Kim gives us some current economic jargon, to wit: "High wages for workers endanger the stability of the economy," while paying high salaries to qualified directors is a matter of "supply and demand."

She notes that Avri Gonen, director-general of Kitan, which is a public company, "doesn't think it is his job to find alternative work for the dismissed workers. That is what the government is

"For its part," says Kim, "the government doesn't want to interfere with the business considerations of the director-general. This

is a free economy." In Haifa, unlike in Beit She'an, those left jobless after years of work had some hope of finding new jobs in the surrounding area. The Beit She'an workers see no such prospect.

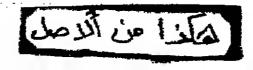
Everything they had came from Kitan. The machines on which they worked will be used elsewhere, and the owners hope that the land on which the plant now stands will also be put to good use. Only the workers are expend-

But surely, it will be argued, nobody can oppose a "free economy"? The economic guidelines of the Netanyahu government refer both to privatization and to "competitive prices set by the free market [rather than] intervention by government or political party apparatuses."

is this to be the Law coming from Beit She'an? If so it must be little comfort for the 100 or so families left without work as a result of economic policies over which they bave oo control.

A pessimist might project an economie scenario in which Kitan Beit She'an becomes a symbol, like Ata, of what could bappen elsewbere in Israel – at best in another place or two, at worst in many other places.

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Settling for Truth in the Quest for Justice



Will baring facts heal the pain left in South Africa from past repression? In 1959, outside Durban, police charged black women rioting over efforts to end home brewing.

By SUZANNE DALEY

JOHANNESBURG ELLING the truth about past atrocities is the way for a brutalized society to bind up its wounds, the theory goes. Now South Africa has seen glimpses of the best this technique can offer: An army general admitting he was the one who gave the order to fire on unarmed demonstrators at Bisho in 1992, and a police captain who helped kill 13 women and children asking the victim's families to "consider forgiving me."

But are such moments enough to heal the nation? lo trying to put the past to rest, South Africa has fashioned itself the biggest, most expensive and

most powerful "truth commission" ever devised. In exchange for confessions about atrocities under 40 years of apartheid rule, it plans to offer amnesty. It is gambling on truth - rather than justice, in the sense of seeing people tried, convicted and sent to prison - as medicine for its society.

A Matter of Necessity

This approach has been tried in other countries in receot years, and it has a following. The believers say that truth is at least half of justice. And truth commissions, experts say, are faster, cheaper and in the end may offer more detail about what happeoed and more catharsis for victims than war crimes tribunals like those for Bosnia and Rwanda.

But efficiency isn't really the point. Truth commis-

sions arise from polltical necessity. Two of the first countries to create them were Argentina in 1983 and Chile in 1990. As those countries struggled to restore peace and democracy after periods of brutal repression by the military, the generals still had some authority. Jail sentences, the theory weot, might have been resisted, plunging the countries back into chaos. Instead, both settled for gathering facts and publishing historical records to at least acknowledge the

suffering. Broad amnesties were also granted. South Africa, too, had little choice. Providing for amnesty was part of the oegotiated settlement that allowed the country to make a peaceful transition from a white supremacist government to the first non-racial elections, in 1994. Without this concession, the struggle for black liberation might have continued far'longer, with even more loss of life.

Still, South Africa's effort is far more ambitious than Argentina's or Chile's or any other country's so far. It is the first to have subpoena powers and the first to give the truth commission itself the power to offer amnesty case-by-case. This is a weapon whose power was demonstrated last week, when the former chief of South Africa's police force admitted ordering at least two acts of terror.

Gen. Johann van der Merwe's confession was the result of a system working exactly as it had been eovisioned. With prosecutors hot on their heels, five mid-level police officers ran to the Truth and Reconciliatioo Commission. As part of their plea for amnesty, they intended to name General van der Merwe as the man who gave the orders. So, along came Mr. van

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Halloween Devils

Using Ghouls to Get to God

By SAM HOWE VERHOVEK

ALLOWEEN is the Devil's holiday. Some Christian churches believe this glorification of evil should be discouraged or stamped out. But others embrace Halloween, slightly adjusted.

At the Abundant Life Christian Center, the approach is part Dante, part Disney, but it is "100 percent message oriented," says the Rev. Keenan Roberts, youth pastor of the Arvada, Colo., church. The point is literally to scare the hell out of people, especially teen-agers.

For a \$6 ticket, visitors get a 30minute trip into Hell House, led by their own "demon tour guide." In the first room, a homosexual who has died of AIDS lies in a casket. "We've got your alternative life style all right," says the demon. Then he screams: "In Hell!"

Io the next room, abortionists operate on a young woman, who writhes in pain. "Killing babies is a wonderful choice," says the demon guide. "After all, it's so-o-o-o convenient."

Then it's on to a party room where a young woman (all the characters are volunteer actors) mixes heavy drugs and alcohol and dies.



Virtue triumphs in a Colorado church's adaptation of Halloween.

After the drunk-driving and teensuicide rooms, the visitors arrive in hell itself, a place that, thanks to crocks of burning Limburger cheese, smells truly awful. People wail in eternal torment. Satan speaks: "I put the boy in the casket, I killed the unborn.'

Suddenly, though, an angel appears and guides the visitors to the final room, which has soft lighting and music and sweet-smelling potpourri. This is Heaven, and God calls out: "I so loved you that I gave my

only begotten son."

These haunted houses with Christian themes have proliferated in recent years, often sparking protests and pickets. But the Christian operators hail them as a terrifically effective way of spreading the ministry. Mr. Roberts exults that out of 4,500 visitors during Hell House's first eight nights this year, 510 signed cards proclaiming: "Tonight I have asked Jesus Christ into my life for

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Burden of Proof Persuading scientists is the easy part. By Denise Grady

Old McPundits Here a quote, there a quote. Everywhere.

By Janny Scott

Latin America Voters turn to the right. By Larry Rohter

Talking Upheaval On Capitol Hill

By ADAM CLYMER

WASHINGTON HE Brookings Institution held one of its solemo, history-laden conferences Friday about Presidential transitions. But before the first hour passed, everyone was talking about Congress instead.

As the Presidential race winds down, the battles for the House and Senate are shoving the White House election off center stage. And the assembled politicians and scholars were, as the conference chairman, Thomas E. Mann of Brookings put it, "overwhelmed by the reality that the outcome of the Congressional elections will create the limits and possibilities for Presidential initiatives, much more than the President's own

fondest wishes." There is plenty of debate about the chances of Republicans losing power on Capitol Hill. But there is at least as much debate about what a Democratic Congress — or the more likely Democratic House and Republican

Senate - would be like. Ona possibility is that the liberals in senior positions in the House would pursue their own agendas, perhaps to the point of conflict not only with the Republicans but with the

more moderate Democrats elected

in receot years. In either party's hands, Congress could find itself preoccupied with the question of how to handle accusations of campaign finance scandal involving President Clinton's fundraisers. In the Senate, a serious investigation is all but certain if Republicans maintain control. Even if they lose, they might dig in their heels and seek to thwart every Democratic initiative, including Cabinet appointments, if Democrats do not agree to a Watergate-style inquiry.

The Modest Scenario

But there is also the distinct possibility that Democrats have learned how to count, and have concluded that a victory in November would be less an endorsement of their wildest dreams than a rejection of Republicans for going too far.

Their obvious course would be to move very, very carefully and with as little partisanship as they can man-

The first course is the Newt Gingrich theory, which Republicans everywhere are arguing in one form or another: if Bob Dole goes down, they say, it is critical to keep Republicans

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And God

But opening as they do only at Halloween,

the houses and the controversy over them point to a broader debate that, it turns out, has flared on and off in this country for decades: should Halloween be observed at

As an event, Halloween is simply a weird

day whose parentage cannot be precisely

tracked. It has traced its origins to the

church (as the eve of All Saint's Day), to

Celtic festivals and to harvest celebrations.

Now, of course, it is almost completely

commercial: a recent study by the National

Retail Federation found that Halloween

generates more revenue than any other

Still, periodically in American history.

church leaders have decried what they see

as Halloween's glorification of evil and have

tried to abolish the day or at least alter its

meaning. They were, for instance, a prime

force behind the passage of a Senate resolu-

tion in 1950 to re-designate Halloween as

"Youth Honor Day," noted Kareo Sue Hy-

bertsen, a Presbyterian minister in Ridge-

view, N.J., who is the author of a forthcom-

ing book based on her Ph.D. thesis, "The

Return of Chaos: the Uses and Interpreta-

tions of Halloween in the United States from

the Victorian Era to the Present." The

resolution failed in the House, and so never

Also in the 1950's, the American Catholic

Church sought to recast Halloween as a

vehicle for teaching young children about

the saints. Priests tried, without much suc-

cess, to persuade children to dress as saints

rather than as, say, skeletons or vampires.

And in 1982, the Rev. Pat Robertson, the

made it President Truman's desk.

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Ghouls

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Ideas & Trends

So, Smoking Causes Cancer: This Is News?

By DENISE GRADY

AS it really news to anybody, as headlines proclaimed a little more than a week ago, that smoking causes lung

The discovery behind the news stories was a report by a team of scientists showing that beozo[a]pyrene, a chemical in cigarette smoke, causes geoetic mutations in lung cells that are identical to those found in many patients with lung cancer.

That this unsurprising discovery made such a big splash illustrates a curiously unintuitive idea: When it comes to prool, sometimes scientists are easier to please than ordinary people.

Benzo [a] pyrene has been recognized as a carcinogen for 20 years, but its exact mechanism was unknown. And the tobacco industry exploited that seed of doubt to the fullest, arguing that although scientists had shown an association between smoking and cancer, they had not proved cause and effect. The new study was seen as the proof that would silence the tobacco industry. It was the first proof, on the cellular and molecular level, that a chemical in smoke could damage lung cells in a way that could eventually lead to cancer. But who was actually swayed by the study?

"From the point of view of scientists and doctors, and many people who are reasonably educated in medicine, this finding will make virtually oo difference at all," said John Banzhaf, a professor of law at Georgetown University and the director of Action oo Smoking and Health, an anti-smoking group.

"There are so many different studies of so many different kinds which establish about as conclusively as anything we know in medicine that smoking causes cancer in human beings, that this doeso't really help," Mr. Banzhaf said. "We already have 50,000 studies. Why do we need 50,001?"

Living With Uncertainty

This last bit of proof is for ordinary people. Scientists and lay people have different ideas about what constitutes proof, Mr. Banzhaf said. Part of scientific training involves learning to deal with

ff a statistical analysis shows that there is a 5 percent or smaller chance that two events - say, smoking and cancer - are linked purely by coincidence, then most scientists would accept the idea that the association between them has at least a 95 percent chance of being real and likely to repeat

But non-scientists, less familiar with statistics, may oot be able to let go of that 5 percent, or the lack of an explanation. They may insist that proof does oot exist until all competing possibilities have been eliminated. Their notions of "reasonable doubt" in criminal cases, or of the "preponderance of evidence" that is required in civil court, may be colored by their discomfort with uncertainty.

This Causes That

Pinning down a mechanism - being able to say, this molecule causes this change in this cell, which is known to lead to cancer - eliminates some of the uncertainty. People are more likely to believe in things that they can understand.

But some may never be persuaded. The Tobacco Institute said it wasn't ready to comment. R.J.R. Nabisco, the cigarette manufacturer, called the study "preliminary rather than conclusive." Philip Morris said it is "extremely interesting and merits careful review."

One of the nagging issues, and a favorite of the defenders of smoking, is the question of why not all smokers get lung cancer. Knowing the mechanism may help provide an answer. Scientists may one day be able to say that people may differ in the tendency of their cells to convert benzo[a]pyrene to a highly carcinogenic form, or in the ability of their cells to repair the sort of genetic damage that the chemical inflicts, said one of the authors of the study, Dr. Gerd Pfeifer, an associate professor at the Beckman Research Institute at the City of Hope in Duarte,

The availability of an explanation has made the connection between smoking and cancer less of an abstraction for some people. Idee Fox, a Philadelphia judge who quit smoking a month ago and who still craves cigarettes, said, "This report really meant something to me as a smoker. I had been thinking, not everybody who smokes gets cancer, they doo't really understand it, so maybe it won't happen to me. This explained how it works, and made it more real."

People who want to rationalize smoking may now have to turn to philosophy for solace.

"Theoretically, you can never prove anything." said Dr. Bert Vogelstein, a Johns Hopkins expert in cancer genetics. "No ooe will ever be able to prove that smoking causes cancer, or that anything causes





First they see the funeral of a homosexual who has died of AIDS.



At an abortion, they are told, the baby "would have been a preacher."





The visitors enter hell, which reeks of Limburger cheese.



But finally, salvation (also, easier breathing) is at hand when visitors arrive in heaven, where Jesus reaches out to save them.



founder of the Christian Coalition, described Halloween as a "Satanic ritual," a remark that was widely interpreted as a call for a

Halloween boycott, (When he ran for President in 1988 and some people in the news media resurrected his comment in a sort of Grinch-who-stole-Christmas vein, aides to Mr. Robertson said he had never called for an outright ban on trick-or-treating.) Certainly other cultural forces have been

at work in the alteration of Halloween. Fear of crime has led many parents to bring Halloween celebrations indoors. And concerns about poison-candy episodes prompted the Massachusetts House of Representatives to pass a bill prohibiting any "solicitation of food, gifts or other items after sunset under the so-called 'trick-or-treat' custom." After a storm of public outrage and ridicule, the representatives reversed themselves just

days later by a 3-to-1 margin. But in most cases involving crackdowns on Halloween, some religious influences have been present. Just last year, for example, the Los Altos, Calif., school board passed a ban on Halloween celebrations at its elementary arents comp about the day's Satanic undertones. When hundreds of people, some dressed in costumes, came to a hearing to complain, the board reversed Itself. The district superinteodent, Margaret Gratiot, said board members had been persuaded thal "Halloween is not a religious holiday, just a holiday that is vlewed as religious by some people, and there is a difference."

While many experts say that Halloween has grown in popularity because many couples raised in different religions see it as a blessedly nondenominational way to hold a family celebration, there is no question that a growing number of Christians are forsaking any kind of Halloween festivities. But these Christians are split on whether the day should be ignored altogether or seized as an chance to preach the gospel, albeit through messages of terror and specters of hell.



That is where the Hell Houses come in. No one has an exact count, but there are easily hundreds of them, and Abundant Life, an Assemblies of God church, has sold its Hell House Outreach kits to churches in 35 states. It is also exploring translations of the start-up manuals into loreign languages.

These hellish attractions have plenty of critics. A recent "Fright Night" sponsored by a suburban Washington, D.C., church sparked protests from some local parents over the sight ol bloodied youth-group members who acted out a car crash and a suicide

by handgun, set to the music of Kurt Cobain. In San Diego a few years ago, visitors to another Hell House erected by a fundamentalist Christian church complained that they were unaware their children would be shown graphic images of aborted fetuses. "Our primary objective is to teach the Gospel," said the pastor in defense. "These are real

issues in life, and they have to be addressed." In time, some churches might even seek to transform Halloween into a specifically religious occasion, perhaps a sort of antithesis of Christmas or Easter. So far they have not. "These churches by and large are taking advantage of a cultural holiday." said Mr. Hybertsen. "I don't think they really intend to incorporate Halloween into their liturgical

Nonetheless, Mr. Roberts, whose Hell House in suburban Denver starts tours every 12 minutes and has been sold out on several recent nights, strongly defends using Halloween to spread his church's message. The promotional flyer bills the Hell House kit as the most "in your face, high-flyin', no denyin', death-defyin', Satan-be-cryin', keep-yafrom-fryin', no holds barred, 'cutting-edge' evangelism tool of the 90's1"

We are simply capitalizing, for the sake of the Kingdom of God, on the average American's interest in this type of seasonal attraction," he said, "The church has got to be more creative, more resourceful and more innovative to reach the young people of the sight and sound generation.

"Sometimes I feel like the church is still driving the Model T of communication," he added, "while the rest of the world is driving around in Ferraris to reach their audience."





Now The French post office recently honored the author and philosopher André Malraux with a stamp, but, in accordance with Government anti-smoking laws, removed his cigarette.





What Next? A nicotine-freed Franklin D. Roosevelt? And Winston Churchill sans cigar?.

Sanitizing History On a Postage Stamp

ISTEN hard enough and you might hear a faint wheeze and rumbling cough from across the ocean. That's Andre Malraux rolling over in his grave.

Twenty years after drawing his last breath, the iconoclastic philosopher who gained international fame through novels, including "La Condition Humaine" ("Man's Fale"), is being honored by the French Government with a stamp. But while the portrait, drawn from the famous 1935 photograph by Gisèle Freund, captures Malraux's windswepl hair, furrowed brow and probing eyes, his omnipresent cigarette, which dangled like a third lip,

has been left out. The French, however, are simply following America's lead. In 1994 the United States Poslal Service removed the cigarette from its picture of blues great Robert Johnson so no one would doubt where it stood on smoking.

While these efforts to stamp out smoking have raised a ruckus about sanitized history, philatelists say they are nothing new.

'Stamps are printed by governments for government purposes, which usually have little connection to reality or truth," said Michael F. Schreiber, a senior editor at Linn's Stamp News of Sidney, Ohio. "They've always been used as propaganda."

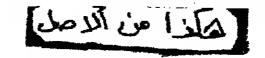
In 1933, as Franklio D. Roosevelt proposed a revolutionary expansion of Government to fight the Depression, the Postal Service issued a stamp trumpeting the National Recovery Act. in 1968, when the reputation of the police was under fire, a stamp called "Law and Order" depicted a tall and proud officer, sans nightstick, gently helping a

As the Postal Service continues its mission to inculcate patriotism and wholesome American values, perhaps it should rethink some of its earlier decisions.

For example: While heart disease knocks off countless Americans each year, the proposed "Old Elvis" stamp glamorized the dangerously overweight singer. Does the post office really want children to think peanut butter and bacon sandwiches are good for them? How about a little airbrush liposuction the next time around?

What was the Postal Service thinking in 1980 when it portrayed W.C. Fields in all his sozzled splendor? Or last year, when it honored the famously flirtatious Marilyn Monroe? Is she a proper role model for modern womeo?

And what if the Postal Service one day gets the notion to honor Jerry Garcia. Well, think again.



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Who Asked Them? Who Didn't?

By JANNY SCOTT

NY day now, a reporter will reach for the phone and call a previously undiscovered professor/ lawyer/resident scholar, who will say something clever about something or other and land in the reporter's article. The article will alight in a database, where 10 more reporters will find it and reach for the phone. "I read your quote," they will say, by way of introduction. Then they will quote him again.

Television bookers will begin calling. A limousine will arrive. Soon the professor/lawyer/resident scholar will he calling Mr. Koppel "Ted" and will return from lunch one day to find 27 messages from reporters (and one from his mother: Saw you on TV!) calling from places he has never heard of, about subjects he hardly knows. He will hesitate, then pick up the phone.

In a culture in which everyone has to have a line on everything, but few people have time to tangle with real facts, a growth industry has arisen in the output of informed opinions for the rest of us to use. Think of it like, say, take-out food: Who can be bothered to stuff and roast a bird when something roughly comparable, perhaps better, can be had by dialing Chirpin' Chicken?

Election season is, of course, peak season for pundits. Across the country, political reporters are riffling their Rolodexes to O for Ornstein, J for Jamieson, S for Schoeider, M for Mann, "Are you on deadline?" savvy secretaries inquire. On airport pay phones, pundits are calling back reporters, who are calling more pundits. It is like tax season at H & R Block.

There are other varieties of pundit, too; medicaiethics pundits (Arthur Caplan), urban-affairs pundits (Mitchell Moss), O. J. Simpson pundits (Peter Arenella, Roger Cossack, Laurie Levenson et alio). There are even all-purpose pundits. MSNBC has 27 standing by to ruminate about everything from Aleksandr I. Lebed to burgers. They work in three-hour shifts.

If You Can't Beat Them . . .

One of the MSNBC contributors is Eric Alterman, the journalist and one-time anti-pundit who wrote the book "Sound and Fury: The Washington Punditocracy and the Collapse of American Politics" (Harper Perennial, 1993). When his book changed nothing, Mr. Alterman says, he concluded that being a pundit offered the only opportunity for partisan discussion of issues. So why not try to do it well?

Pundits are not born but are made by the media, often to articulate opinions that reporters wouldn't mind delivering if journalistic conventions allowed, Reporters and producers monopolize pundits' time, cannibalize their interviews, quote them too often, turn them into celebrities.

From time to time, the media turn on their pundits. They try to hanish old ones and go hunting for replacements. Or they return to the electronic database, plug in the pundits' names, tally the hits, depose the reigning monarch and smirkingly crown a new "king of quotes." Pundits on the ascent play along with the game. It's

flattering. It helps sell books, it buys access to people. Most pundits hope (sometimes against reason) that by taiking to reporters, they might fix something, enlighten someone, change someona's mind. Occasionally, they

even learn things from reporters.
"The way I think of it," Kathleen Hall Jamieson, dean of the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Peonsylvania, sald, "is that during an election season, I suddenly have a whole cadre of research assistants who only require of me that I reduce complex matters to simplistic sound hites in return for alerting me to information I otherwise might not learn." But they worry, too - about their time, about their

How the media turn ordinary experts into really overexposed experts.

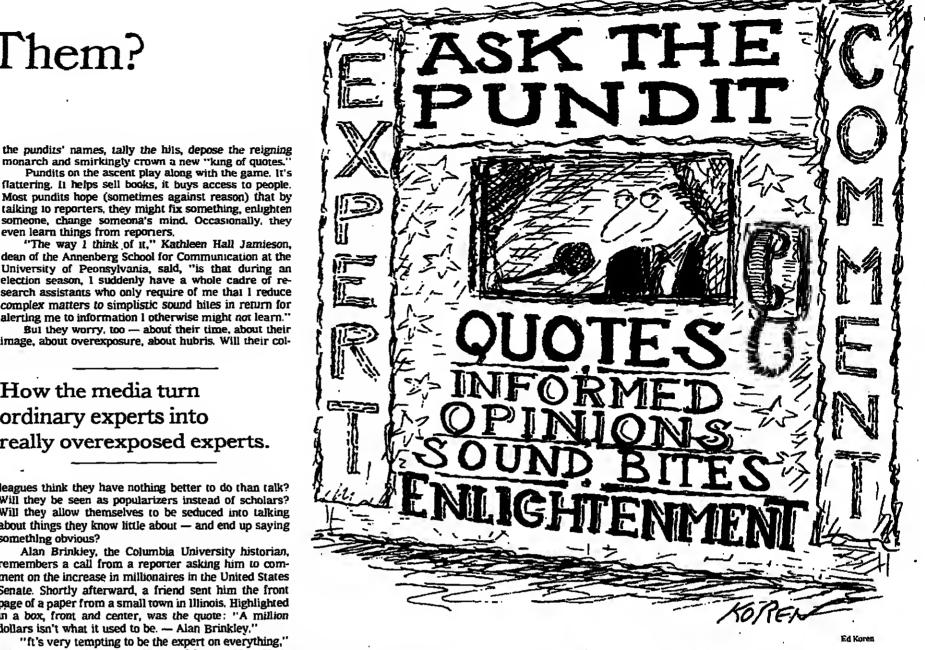
leagues think they have nothing better to do than talk? Will they be seen as popularizers instead of scholars? Will they allow themselves to be seduced into talking about things they know little about - and end up saying something obvious?

Alan Brinkiey, the Columbia University historian, remembers a call from a reporter asking him to comment on the increase in millionaires in the United States Senate. Shortly afterward, a friend sent him the front page of a paper from a small town in Illinois. Highlighted in a box, front and center, was the quote: "A million dollars isn't what it used to be. - Alan Brinkley."

"ft's very tempting to be the expert on everything," said Stephen Gillers, a professor of law at New York University who happened to develop a specialty in legal ethics about the same time that the media became interested in covering the profession. "I try to avoid that. I don't claim always to have been successful."

The most sought-after pundits teod to be academics or quasi-academics at universities or research centers preferably in places like Washington and New York that television producers find easy to reach. They have impeccable credentials but still speak plain English. They return phone calls. They like reporters. They tend not to say things like, "Let me rephrase your question."

They are often specialists in subjects that reporters and the public find interesting - like Congress (Norman J. Ornstein and Thomas E. Mann), or political advertising and dirty politics (Ms. Jamieson). They write serious books on accessible subjects, like the 60's (Todd Gitlin).



Despite the accusation that they traffic in banalities, many got their start saving something that was counterintuitive at one time.

For example: E "There's a real purpose" in the media's hounding of Gary Hart over his sex life in a political system in which a President, once elected, is not easily dumped (William Schneider, 1987).

C Prosecuting the Rodney King case is not a "slamdunk" (Peter Arenella, 1991).

¶ O. J. Simpson will not be "spending the rest of his life in prison" (Roger Cossack, June 1994).

That prediction from Mr. Cossack, who was a criminal-defense lawyer practicing in Los Angeles at the time, came at the bottom of a newspaper article published after Mr. Simpson's arrest Four network TV bookers immediately called, Mr. Cossack became a commentator during the Simpson trial. Then he gave up his law practice, moved to Washington and became co-host of a legal affairs show, "Burden of Proof," oo CNN.

But Mr. Arenella, a law professor at the University of California at Los Angeles who worked 18-hour days as a commentator and ended up in the hospital with pneumonia and 25 pounds thinner, now turns down many interview requests and has come to believe that It is impossible to educate people through television.

In fact, he is writing a book about how the media distort public understanding of the criminal justice system. Some day soon, a reporter will write an article about Mr. Arenella and his book. Another reporter will read it, reach for the telephone and call Mr. Arenella. "I read your quote," the reporter will say.

Why Bob Dole Can't Be Reagan

By SAMUEL G. FREEDMAN

WO summers ago, early in his latest quest for the Presidency, Bob. Dole appeared before a gathering of the Republican National Committee. "I'm willing to be another Ronald Reagan," he offered, "if that's what you want." Of the hundreds of thousands of words the candidate has uttered since then, few pack nearly as much irony.

The cooventional understanding of Mr. Dole's promise that day was that he was willing to play down his profile as a compromiser and a budget halancer in the Senate in favor of a more Reaganesque image. With his atlacks on Hollywood films as immoral, he suddenly presented himself as a partisan in culture wars waged by the right wing of his party. Then, with his selection of Jack Kemp as running mate and his endorsement of across-the-board tax cuts, Mr. Dole completed his makeover: be reversed his longstanding opposition to supply-side economics.

Mr. Dole's attempts at reinvention have not brought him any closer to unseating President Clinton. And it is not only because Mr. Dole faces a clever incumbeot astride a healthy economy. Mr. Dole is a victim of his own hiography. His past in Russell, Kan., sets him apart from the demographic forces that brought conservative Republicans to power In the White House and eventually in Congress during the last 25 years. Far from being an beir to the Reagan revolution, he is the inconvenient remnant of an earlier dynasty.

In the script for a Dole victory, Russell was supposed to have symbolized the civic and moral values threatened by the babyboomer profligacy of Bill Clinton. But there is another way to view Russell: as a a town that is ossifying while all around it

America changes. In places like Russell, Republican identity was more a matter of habit than ideology. But just as Mr. Dole was entering national politics in the early 1960's on the strength of his war record, the G.O.P. was recasting itself as a conservative coalitioo based in the suburbs of the South and West.

Ronald Reagan, more than anyone, added the final, decisive element to the mix of new conservatives - those ethnic Catholics in the urban Northeast and industrial Middle West who came to be called Reagan Democrats. Mr. Reagan took a majority of the Catholic vote in both 1980 and 1984, as did George Bush in 1988 and Republican Congressional candidates in 1994.

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Several polls this fall put Mr. Dole at least 20 points behind Mr. Clinton with Catholic voters. And the reasons may be personal as well as political.

Mr. Reagan touched the collective memory of many Democrats because he embodied their experience. The connection went deeper than quoting Franklin D. Roosevelt or Harry S. Truman. As Mr. Reagan often reminded voters, he hegan his own political career as a New Deal Democrat and a trade unionist. In the late 1940's, he even traveled the nation on behalf of Americans for Democratic Action.

the vanguard of the anti-Communist left. Such credentials allowed Mr. Reagan to hallow the Democratic past while reviling the Democratic present. Though he grew rich as a corporate spokesman and called organized labor a special interest, he could appeal to much of the rank and file. The 1980 Reagan campaign penetrated labor strongholds from Flint to Bayonne and deluged union homes with a mailing touting Mr. Reagan's tenure as a union president. "He led the Screen Actors Guild in its

first strike," it read, "and he woo it!" Mr. Reagan's victories realigned the Republican Party as well as the oation. In bis wake, the prototypical Rapublican candidate in urban states became an ethnic one, usually Catholic. From Attorney General Dan Lundgren in California to Gov. Tom Ridge in Pennsylvania, many of the party's rising stars fit the mold. When George Pataki upset Mario M. Cuomo to become New York's Governor two years ago, bis slate consisted of three Catholics and a Jew, with immigrant roots ranging from Huogary to Ireland.

Casting Aspersions

This was not lost on Mr. Dole. In selecting a running mate, he considered three popular Catholic governors from the Rust Belt

John Engler of Michigan, Tommy Thompsoo of Wisconsin and George Voinovich of Ohio — before deciding upon Jack Kemp, who calls himself a born-again Christian. Mr. Kemp, a product of Southern California and later a Congressman from blue-collar, suburban Buffalo, himself typi-

fied the party's geographical tilt.

But now Mr. Dole's own party is distancing itself from him. Republican candidates for the House, assuming a Clinton victory, are running on a platform of denying the President a Democratic majority in Congress. Mr. Thompson bas assailed the Dole campaign (an attack for which he apologized), while Mr. Voinovich bas reportedly stopped returning its phone calls.

One might think of the discord as the sound of the generation gap. Or, perhaps, it is the voice of an exasperated director telling an actor he is all wrong for the part.

Talking Upheaval on the Hill

Waiting in the Wings

Il the Democrals regain control of the House in November, some of the party's most enduring liberal figures will assume control of key committees. Here are a few of the prominent members, with

their House tenure and potential

19 years

Richard A. Gephardt Mo. House Speaker

Presiding over House sessions: referring hills and naming members to committees.



Charles B. Rangel NY. Ways and Means

25 years. Raising revenue to run Government, and approving taxes and tariffs.



David R. Obey Wis. **Appropriations**

27 years. Setting financing levels for Government agencies and programs.



Dingell Mich. Commerce 41 years. Overseeing

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Regulating national parks and public. lands, mining, wildlife, fisheries and Indian affairs.

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portfolios.

on Capitol Hill to check Mr. Clinton. This is what the Speaker told a news conference in Akron last week after accusing Mr. Clinton of campaign law violations:

"You would have two years of a very, very negative Congress with the Democrats in charge, because they would both be covering up the scandals, and they would be engaged in a scale of left-wing legislation that would be frankly, I think very, very destructive for this country.'

The hopeful alternative was offered a couple of weeks ago by the Democrat who would replace him as Speaker, Representative Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri. "Nothing important here ever happened that wasn't bipartisan," Mr. Gephardt said. If we win, which I realize is hypothetical, if we had a majority that is made up of 225 Democrats, you couldn't pass anything with Democratic votes alone. So we've got to

reach out and get people." Democrats did not reach out much toward the end of their 40-year grip on the House, which they lost two years ago. In the Senate, where dealing with the minority is always obligatory, Republicans had control from 1981 to 1987, regaining it In 1995.

It is plain that the public wishes the parties would stop their bickering. But alter the bitterness of the last few years, that is easier said than done. The harsh language comes not just from Mr. Gingrich; Mr. Gephardt asserts that Republicans returned to power would menace Medicare, the environment and education while cutting taxes for the rich. "Rather than believing that the Republicans bava learned their lesson from what has gone on in the last two years," he sald, their approach "would be much more frightening and barmful to people than what they have already tried to do."

That is not Mr. Gingrich's prediction. Last week, he said that after the election, a Speaker Gingrich and President Clinton would make a "very carefully hipartisan" effort to fix Medicare's shaky finances.

There is a certain amount of electiooseason scarifying going oo, but there is also enormous distrust on Capital Hill, and it is likely to worsen as the shouters, like Senator Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania, gain influence, while those who thrived on hipartisan agreements, like William Coheo of Maine or even Bob Dole, retire.

Representative Jim Leach of Iowa, the chairman of the Banking Committee, predicts that if Democrats retake the House,

If Democrats win the House: Chastened bipartisanship? Chaos?

the narrowness of their majority will mean nothing because they will suddenly "understand the importance of discipline." And he predicted that "every single vested interest will expect to be rewarded" with spending increases. "It's the nature of the Democratic Party," be said.

The Republican National Committee has a flyer out denouncing Democrats in line for chairmanships, including Charles B. Rangel of New York (Ways and Means), David R. Obey of Wisconsin (Appropriations) and John D. Dingell of Michigan (Commerce). Another of their devil figures is George Miller of California, the senior Democrat on the Resources Committee, which bas a vast environmental workload. Last week, Mr. Miller scoffed at the argument that he and other chairmen would take a radical tack. "That's not the way the House works," be

said. "That's the way they thought it worked when they took it over, so they had a very extreme agenda." And, pointing to the issue that first cracked the solid Republican front in the House, he said, "I'm in the wonderful position that with respect to environment and resources, their agenda was rejected in the Congress overwhelmingly."

Mr. Mann, the director of governmental affairs at Brookings, agrees. "The liberal nightmare is preposterous," he said. "There is not much liberal chairman can do on their own. They can't get things out of their committee. They certainly can't produce legislation that can survive on the floor." Mr. Mann said he anticipated "a modest agenda that is synchronized with Clinton."

Actually, the Democrats are already trying. On Thursday, Senator Christopher Dodd of Connecticut, general chairman of the Democratic National Committee, sent all Democratic congressional candidates a memorandum promising that "we plan to put educational opportunity at the top of our priority list." Education was the other issue on which Republicans broke ranks early in the 104th Congress; their pollsters find it as

popular as Democratic pollsters do. Deciding to start with a modest, moderate ageoda could be much easier than sticking to it. If the Democrats regain the House, for example, the \$35 million effort by the A.F. L.-C.I.O. to defeat Republican freshmen will bave played a decisive role. It will take remarkable statesmanship for labor oot to call in some chits, even at the risk of splintering a fragile new Democratic majority.

But if the Democrats prevail in the House - a contest that is a tossup with perhaps a slim Republican advantage from incumben-cy — ooe major combatant will absent himself from the battle, making it surely less interesting. Mr. Gingrich has made it clear that he would not seek the job of minority leader and would leave the task of regaining power to someone else.

The World

The New Latin Ideology: Get Real



The Nicaraguan President-elect, Arnoldo Alemán.

By LARRY ROHTER

MANAGUA, Nicaragua
OW that a coffee grower has
trounced an erstwhile revolutionary in Nicaragua's presidential
election, all three of the Central
American countries wracked by leftist insurrection throughout the 1970's and 1980's
will be governed by right-wing presidents.

In Nicaragua, El Saivador and Guatemala t5 years ago, the gun had great appeal as
a weapon to force change from rightist
autocrats who staged rigged elections. But
now that fair balloting is ascendant, conservatives are too. Some of this is not surprising. Voters want predictability in their lives,
especially after so much turmoil, and they
seem to believe the right when it promises
more security. And in rural areas where the
left once offered the only hope for change,
there is another attraction: the more
thoughtful politicians on the right seem to
have learned the wisdom of land reform.

So, in a number of ways, in both urban and rural areas, pragmatism appears finally to be triumphing over ideology in Central America, and in much of the rest of Latin America as well.

Coincidentally or not, all three of Central America's receotly elected right-wing presidents have come to power after serving as mayor of their country's capital city. In those positions, they were able, with the benefit of intense media exposure, to establish their credibility with voters by grappling effectively with the non-Ideological, day-to-day problems that seem to matter most to voters — crime, transportation, sewage, electricity and water.

Focusing on Tangibles

The winner in Nicaragua last week was Arnoldo Aleman, a lawyer, landowner and a member of the upper-class elite who, proudly and unabashedly, cast himself as the antithesis of his opponeot, Daniel Ortega Saavedra, the Sandinista leader and former President.

"Arnoldo Aleman built us parks and paved streets and painted the markets," said Alba Rosa Orozco Narvaez, a 38-year-old Managua food vendor who is exactly the sort of working-class voter the Latin American left tends to view as its natural constituency. "He was the best mayor Managua has had in my lifetime, and that's why I think he will be a good President."

Similarly, Ecuador's oew populist President, Abdalá Bucarám, was once mayor of Guayaquil, that nation's largest city. And the mayors of Lima, La Paz, Bogotá, Caracas and São Paulo are all touted as presidential timber in their countries. Eduardo Gamarra, head of Latin American studies at Florida International University, said the diversity of their views suggests that Latin American politicians are best advised to focus oo "tangible things that render ideology useless and establish a much more direct and democratic contact with the constituent."

Poil results published here just before the election provided startling support for the



Rightist candidates have succeeded in Central America because they have become more enlightened toward peasants, like these in Guatemala, and offer them greater stability.

ootion that voters will flock to those who offer them personal and financial stability, regardless of ideology. Asked which period of their country's recent history was the best, a plurality of Nicaraguans, roughly 40 percent, chose the dictatorship of Anastasio Somoza Debayle over both the 11 years of the Sandinista Revolution and those that followed in 1990 under the centrist Vloleta Chamorro.

"Well, of course, because back in Somoza's:
days your salary was really worth something, and if you kept your nose clean, the
political problems were minimal," Guillermo Ramirez Ayala, a 58-year-old jeweler,
argued. "Today is almost the same as during
the Sandinista times, because inflation has
made everything expensive, there is a lot of
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In the countryside too, a similar pragma-

tism may finally be starting to prevail. "The old model in which peasant groups were locked out has collapsed," said John A. Booth, co-editor of "Elections and Democracy in Central America." The old landowner-military coalition has discovered that "it's cheaper and easier all the way around to try to buy these guys out than freeze them out."

Asian Lesson

Many in the Central American business ellte have learned an important lesson from the emergence of Asian economic powers like Japan, Taiwan and Korea: land reform can be done from the right and used to turn disgruntled subsistence farmers into consumers with a stake in the capitalist system. Or as El Salvador's right-wing Arena party

likes to put it, "We want a revolution oot of revolucionarios but of proprietarios."

"By giving the peasant land and the title to it, you are creating landowners and doing away with a rural proletariat tied to the land," Dr. Gamarra said. "You are also creating a conservative political force, because these become people who, because they are now landholders, don't want some guy coming in from outside and saying he's

going to redistribute the land."

Of course, it has often been argued that as largely rural societies, the nations of Central America are inherently conservative. Latin American peasants, though deeply resentful of the exploitation to which they have been subjected since colonial days, are deeply religious and almost mystically wedded to the land, especially the parcel they them-

selves till, and anyone who fails to recognize that pays a high political cost.

"A lot of beneficiaries of the Sandinista land reform ended up voting for Aleman because they now have a huge vested interest" in preserving the status quo, Dr. Booth noted. "When allowed to produce, peasants work hard and are not very political. But when their livelihood is threatened by instability or government policy changes, they can become extremely volatile politically, in either direction.

"In this case, they went left, then right, because the source of the threat to them changed," he continued. "By doing this giant favor of glving peasants the land but not making their titles secure, the Sandinistas, ironically and sadly for them, wound up allenating the very people they benefited."

Chirac in Israel

Well, Palestinians Enjoyed His Visit

By SERGE SCHMEMANN

AD he been the president of any country other than France, Jacques Chirac might have provoked considerably more fury in tsrael.

While the United States special envoy, Dennis Ross, was working day and night with tsraeli and Palestinian negotiators to get a deal on a withdrawal of Israeli troops from Hebron, and while Israelis were preparing to mark the troubling anniversary of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, Mr. Chirac showed up in Israel and the West Bank, where be threw his support four-square behind the Palestinians and touched a number of raw Israeli nerves.

He harangued his Israeli security guards for being too rough in the Old City of Jerusalem, and he addressed the Palestinian legislature but not the tsraeli Parliament. He reiterated his call for a Palestinian state and endorsed virtually every other Palestinian claim, down to the most sensitive of all, a capital in Jerusalem. "There cannot be a peace that excludes the city of peace, Jerusalem," he declared to rousing ap-

plause in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

Not surprisingly, Yasir Arafat and the Palestinians were rapturous. Thousands of children lined Mr. Chirac's route through Ramallah, and a beaming Mr. Arafat proclaimed the French President as "the hope for a better tomorrow."

A Surprising Apology

More surprising was the equanimity, in public at least, of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He apologized to Mr. Chirac for the security flap in the Old City, saying that the bodyguards had been too zealous in protecting a "friend."

One possible reason was that personal relations between the two men were said to be warm, dating back to contacts before either was elected to his present post.

Another may have been that Israel and the United States were not entirely shocked by Mr. Chirac's stance.

France has long made a policy of challenging American leadership in foreign affairs, dating to the days when Charles de Gaulle kept France out of the NATO military structure. Under Mr. Chirac, the Middle East has been the particular focus of that approach. The president's determination to carve out an independent role in the Arab-Israeli conflict was already apparent last spring, during the tsraeli attack on Lebanon,



President Jacques Chirac of France pushing away an Israeli bodyguard in Jerusalem.

when the French Foreign Minister, Herve de Charette, came to the region and insisted on a French role in the peacemaking.

The stance obviously annoyed the Israelis and Americans, but the reaction in Jerusalem seemed to reflect a resigned sense that the French will be French, and that Mr. Chirac's actions were probably less a reflection of hostility to Israel than vintage Gaullist posturing — as well as a bid to win favor, and trade, with the Arabs.

Frozen Smiles

The other question was whether the intrusion into tsraeli-Palestinian affairs could help or damage the process.

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In public, the Israelis and Americans politely suggested that they had no use for any French or European intervention. Mr. Ross, who has been

feverishly mediating an elusive deal on Hebron during the last three weeks, put it diplomatically. "Right now," he said, "I think that it is generally agreed, not only by the parties, but by others, that the effort that we are making is the one that they support." Mr. Netanyahu was briefer: "Too many cooks spoil the broth."

The apprehension among Israelis was that Mr. Arafat would take the French support to heart and harden his negotiating positions. But like Israel's Arab neighbors, Mr. Arafat has long understood that if anyone has any leverage over Israel, it is the United States. In fact, if he was holding out on Hebron, as Israeli negotiators charged, it was probably in the hope that the Americans could get him a better deal after the elections in the United States.

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In the meantime, if nothing else, Mr. Chirac's words offered a bit of sweet music for the ears of Mr. Arafal's less-than-patient constituents.

Settling for Truth In Place of Justice

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der Merwe, the former chief nf South Africa's police, and he confessed. Then he named the two Cabinet level officials who gave him orders. The veil of secrecy around the top levels of the former government was lifting, and commission officials were openly delighted.

The hearing that followed offered scenes of extraordinary callousness. A police colonel, for example, described his role in the disappearance of three well-known activists. He and his men held a barbecue while the prisoners, their torture sessions over, sat nearby with hoods over their heads, able to smell the food and hear the chatter. They were shot afterward, the colonel assumed.

Who's Scared Now?

"Look at them up there," said Russell Ally, who works for the commission. "They are scared and they are telling us everything. The courts could not achieve this."

Indeed. A truth commission is not bound by rules of evidence, so there can be far freer testimony as to what happened and to whom. Victims do not have to fear rigorous cross examinations. And perpetrators may actually be eager to make sure that all their crimes have been aired, so that nothing is left for prosecutors to pur-

"In many ways, a truth commission can be far more inclusive," said Richard Goldstone, a South African judge who stepped down recently as prosecutor in the Balkan and Rwanda war crimes tribunals.

But even avid proponents of truth commissions acknowledge that they are a complex and contradictory business. They are supposed to heal, but in producing truth they unearth traumas. How, for example, can someone hearing the coldness of the barbecue incident be expected in forgive? What does a society have to be made of in order to turn such bitter narratives toward healing rather

than revenge?

In fact, different societies have very different attitudes about this. In Argentina, a commission documented the military's "Dirty War" against the left in the 1970's, Today, most of the officers involved have been pardoned, coup attempts seem to have ended, and most citizens accept that the Dirty War is in the past,

But other countries appear to have moved past a period of violence and human rights abuses without either tribunals or truth commissions. Mozambique, Namibia and Zimbabwe are examples.

"Some countries don't equate reconciliation with dredging up what happened," said Priscilla Hayner, who is writing a book on truth commissions and recently visited Mozambique. "There, reconciliation has been about letting go."

Clearly, searching out who did what and offering forgiveness may be far more of a balm for some lands than others. South Africa remains a society deeply divided — not by law any more, but still by language, wealth, custom and religion.

How victims react to the truth has varied greatly.

Applause and Silence

When the army general confessed last month that he had given the order 10 fire on demonstrators at Bisho, he said he was sorry and the audience applauded. "It was an incredible moment," said Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who heads the truth Commission. "I said we should just keep quiet a bit and we put our heads down for a minute."

'But two weeks later, when the police captain admitted his role in the shooting of 13 people in a hut near Pietermaritzburg, and with a steady gaze turned to the victims' family to ask forgiveness, the reaction was different. There was a low grumble from about 30 villagers, who later made their feelings plain: What had been done in Pietermaritzburg could never be healed by any amnesty.

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ECONOMY



Family Tries to Restore The House of Rothschild

By YOUSSEF M. IBRAHIM

LONDON O back to the 1880's, at Waddesdon Manor, one of more than 45 mansions once owned by the legendary Rothschild banking family. A typical day, the story goes, began with a servant entering a guesi's bedroom.

Would the guest like rea, coffee or cocoa?

If tea, what kind?

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With milk, cream or lemon? Milk? Would that be Jersey, Hereford or shorthorn?

By all accounts, a guest's reception at a Rothschild home is still elegani today. But a certain time in history has passed, and with it the perfect projection of power and generosity found at the dynasty's zenith, when those gently wakened at the 222-room Waddesdon Manor included Prime Ministers of Britain and a

Shah of Persia. The manor, indeed, is no longer a Rothschild home; it went to the National Trust in 1955. The great question now is what is to become of the House of Rothschild itself. For while any family, business or industry can have a bad year, the Rothschilds, financiers of kings and princes when Europe was a royal family affair, have had a bad century.

The fortune has shrunk as world wars battered the Rothschilds' banks; revolution in Czarist Russia killed their best client, and French Socialists nationalized their Paris

Some of the brightest sons went their own way to earn renown as

Family feuds sent off others who, as competitors, outdid those who stayed in the fold in terms of wealth and reputation.

A 253-year-old hanking dynasty whose greatest modern successes have been wines (Château Lafile, Chateau Moulon) and vacation resorts (Club Mediterranee), the Rothschilds are now drawing together to show that today's global banks have not eclipsed their family, as nations have done away with kingdoms.

To succeed is more than a matter of banking strategy. Just as important, the English and French branches of the family must be reunited by welcoming the head of the French bank, Baron David de Rothschild, as the next head of the much larger and more prestigious London bank, N. M. Rothschild & 5ons. Only a few years ago, that was unthink-

In a rare interview here on Friday, David and the man who invited him to cross the Channel, 5ir Evelyn Rothschild, the head of N. M. Rothschild, said that the London and Paris banks had become partners again, in a way not seen since the first generations of Rothschilds invented international banking.

Uniting the family to join London's financial expertise with Paris's continental contacts, Sir Evelyn said, is crucial if the Rothschilds are to adapt to changing financial markets and intense competition from multinational banks.

'The first important strength of the family is unity," he said. "The point I am trying to make is that today we're one. As you sit here and you talk to me, you are talking to

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scientists, poets and wine makers. David, and if you talk to David you are talking to me.

To that, Sir Evelyn's French cousin added. 'Never has the collaboration between the French and British Rothschilds been so good, except possibly in the very beginning."

Whai changed? Among the branches, London has suffered least from the force of history, but it has felt the effects of the thinning of the Rothschilds' banking blood. During 517 Evelyn's tenure at N. M. Rothschild, several stellar bankers have left to become successes elsewhere, including the talented Jacob, who is now Lord Rothschild, a

potential successor whom Evelyn

saw as a cival. N. M. Rothschild was also the unhappy home of Jacob's half brother, Amschel, who was compelled by his father to carry on the business, despite having no enthusiasm for it and little skill. In July, apparently overwhelmed by the death of his mother, he ended a business meeting in Paris, went to his hotel room and

hanged himself. He was 41. Am schel had long ago ceased to be en as a possible successor to Evelyn, but his death put a focus on the future of the dynasty. There was the choice seen as inevitable by those in the banking world; ceding the House Rothschild 10 a manager from outside, as other European family banks like Schroders have done. And there was David, consummately charming and highly competent, but from the wrong branch of the family.

Evelyn, though, had brought David into N. M. Rothschild four years earlier as deputy chairman, And this month he appointed his cousin. whom he is said not only to admire. but to like, as chairman of a global committee to coordinate Rothschild investment banking around the

After a century of enormous individualism and too-evident mediocrity, yet continued flashes of brilliance, the Rothschilds appear ready 10 carry on in a way that much younger banking families like the Barings and Morgans have not.

What Is the House of Rothschild? In the United States, it is little known beyond the aura of its name. In Europe, it has shaped nations and in-

Mayer Amschel Rothschild, a coin dealer in the Jewish ghelto of Frankfurt who was born in 1744, founded both the banking business with the Rothschild name and the family traditions that would make it Europe's leading bank in the 19th century. He decreed that only males could inher-It stakes in the bank, and he impressed on his sons the importance of working loyally together as fam-

All five sons entered the business. While Amschel stayed in Frankfurt, . Nathan founded a bank in London. James a bank in Paris, Solomon a bank in Vienna, and Carl a bank in Naples. In one generation, the Rothschilds established the first international banking house - just as Euro-. pean wars, industrialization and imperialism were to create enormous demands for capital.

Mayer Rothschild pleased his first noble chent, a German prince, and soon the House of Rothschild was known as the personal banker to

The London bank led a Rothschild group underwriting Prussian bonds after the Napoleonic Wars, and the House of Rothschild became the financier of kingdoms.

By 1875, when Britain had a sudden opportunity to buy control of the Suez Canal, the London bank was so powerful that it produced the £4 million - equal to \$200 million today within hours.

And while each English generation managed to produce a financial genius, the attention of the other sons, in both England and France, inevitably wandered. Rothschilds entered politics and the nobility. They became deeply involved in Jewish affairs. They were physicians, scientists and gentleman farmers.

Europe, meanwhile, had changed. financed themselves Nations through taxes, not loans. The Rothschilds' relationships with rulers became less exclusive, and as royal courts disappeared, less valuable. They financed Russia's southern oilfields, but then their client, Czar Nicholas II, was killed by revolutionaries.

World War I disrupted alliances.



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Baron David de Rothschild

Then the Depression bore down, As Nazism took control of Germany. Austria, and in the end even France, the family withdrew. At the end of World War II Europe had changed again, half of it behind the Iron Cur-

By the 1970's, the House of Rothschild comprised three much smaller banks, N. M. Rothschild in London, Banque Rothschild in Paris, and a Swiss bank lounded by the family's most independent, and wealthiest. member, Baron Edmond de Rothschild.

In 1980, Jacob, the English branch's most highly regarded banker, left N. M. Rothschild after Sir Evelyn, its largest shareholder, rejected his proposal to reinvigorate the bank with outside money. A year later, the French Government nationalized the Paris bank and barred the Rothschilds not only from banking, but from using their family name in business.

By then, the contrast between the fortunes of Rothschilds who had made their own way, and those who had stayed strictly in the family, seemed stark.

Jacob was prospering in investment banking, while the London bank, N. M. Rothschild, stagnated. In France, Baron Edmond de Rothschild's bank had prospered under both conservative and Socialist governments, while miscalculations by his cousin, Baron Guy de Rothschild. had actually contributed to the nationalization of Banque Rothschild.

As always with the Rothschilds, the divisions had not been strictly over business. As the family grew and its members' interests and aptitudes diverged, jealousies, egos and rivalries played their role. Though it Is a Rothschild rule not to air family matters, wounded pride counts a great deal.

But questions of strategy and succession loomed as Jacob went off on his own, as his half brother Amschel was made to give up farming and car racing for an unwanted banking career, and as Guy moved to the United States, leaving behind no Rothschild bank in France,

N. M. Rothschild & Sons is quartered in New Court, a nondescript office building on St. Swithin's Lane, an alley in London's business district. Upon entering a lobby that contains a single splash of color — a portrait of Mayer Rothschild and his founding family — there is no question who is master here: 5lr Evelyn Rothschild, a towering, silver-haired man who has been part of the bank

for 45 years. Sir Evelyn has a reputation for severity, and the starkly empty corridors seem to bear it out. His drink, as he sat down in his wood-paneled office to discuss his family's business on Friday, was hot water with

lemon, "It's good for you," he said. Sir Evelyn, 65, appeared affable and extremely proud of his family. whose portraits were everywhere. and pleased to have at his side Baron David de Rothschild, his French cousin and, quite probably, his suc-

cessor

It is thanks 10 David, 53, that the Rothschilds again have a bank in France. When the Government nationalized Banque Rothschild in 1981, David's father, Baron Guv de Rothschild, bitterly left France for the United States. Barred from banking and from using the family name in business, David stayed. He started over with a shell of a company, Paris-Orleans, with four employees in a hotel suite.

Despite the growing distance betweer some Rothschilds, the bankers had always invested in ooe another. David's cousin in Switzerland, Edmond, helped by taking a 10 percent stake in the new French bank. David dabbled in real estate and small mergers. In 1986 Edmond helped again, successfully urging France's Finance Minister, Edouard Balladur, to end the prohibition barring the family from using its name

ın busıness. David moved quickly, forming Rothschild & Cie. Banque, and attracting merger-and-acquisition clienis including British Airways and the financier 5ir James Goldsmith. David brought in experienced bankers from prestigious institutions, including the Government, and has buill his merchant bank into France's second largest

His goal, David said, was 10 "be the best" in a few areas, an echo of Edmond's description of his own highly successful Swiss bank. Compagnie Financière Edmond de Rothschild Banque: "Small is beautiful."

But while Edmond prospered, delighting in his independence, he also smarted at the insinuations conjured up in family references to him as "le pent Edmond," when real Rothschild men were known to be tall. In contrasi, Baron David de Rothschild was more open to closer family relationships.

In 1992, Sir Evelyn made David deputy chairman of N.M. Rothschild, even though he was not a shareholder. And this month David took charge of a new initiative to coordinate the family's investment banking offices around the world.

'David rebuilt." Sir Evelyn said. "I think to have started a new institution, with some support from the family, and create something in 15 vears, is a remarkable achievement. He has managed to encroach on Lazard Brothers and do very well, not only in France but in the rest of Europe.

And it is rebuilding that the House of Rothschild needs now, Sir Evelyn said, to keep pace with rivals as the asset-management business and corporate finance grow. The obvious solution is to bring together its branches as active partners.

The Rothschild family success 100 years ago was European," he "We were the No. I bank in Europe up until World War I. After that there was a great decline because of the problems of the war period and the 30's. We have moved today out of Europe and into the world as a whole, where I think we can hold our head up."

Sir Evelyn added, "I'd like to think as we go into the 21st century, they will say that the last quarter of the ROUSCHIIOS and growth which was second to none.

David listened and then added his own thoughts, speaking in French: "The personal links between Evelyn and I are very strong, but the business links are very important because we blend, if you like, two cultures.

"We blend the phenomenally qualified financial skills of the London team, which happens to be outstandingly good, with a great expertise of Continental Europe."

Uniting the London and Parls banks would give the House of Rothschild a capital base of more than \$1 billion, the cousins said, putting it in a league with A. G. Edwards Inc.. which ranks 15th in capital in the United States. The family expects to compete in most of the world with financial giants like Merrill Lynch & Company and Morgan Stanley & Company, though not in the United States, where the Rothschilds have a small but successful New York investment bank. "I think we can compete with them outside the United States," Sir Evelyn said.

In Europe, Rothschild intends to compete both with continental investment houses and with Japanese banks. It plans to expand its own Asian presence by opening an office in China. And the benefits of cooperation among Rothschild offices around the world have already been proved.

Privatization has been a Rothschild specialty since the Thatcher administration in Britain. Indeed, last year, Rothschild offices worldwide were said to participate in the sale of 60 government husinesses, more than any other investment bank. Part of that success comes from greater coordination among

Rothschild offices in Europe and the Americas that has produced business that the family might otherwise

not have received. Recently the Rothschilds used their international presence to assist m the privatization of Fiji Telecom. The project involved Rothschild offices in Britain, the United States and Australia.

'If any one of us had gone after the business by ourselves. I doubt we would have gotten the job," said Wilbur L. Ross Jr., senior managing director of the New York investment bank, Rothschild Inc.

Preserving the world's oldest and last - family-owned lovestment bank may depend ultimately, however, on whether family dynamics can adapt to rapidly changing financial markers as quickly as institutions managed by professionals. To many observers, the question is whether 5ir Evelyn, whose determination to keep family control has driven other talented bankers from N. M. Rothschild, will allow David to realize his ambitions.

While it seems all but certain that David will be Sir Evelyn's successor, neither would say so. "Anyone in this place, which is based on meritocracy, and in Paris, can become senior person without having the name Rothschild attached to them," Sir velyn said.

David added. "In our organizations you don't advance just because you are a Rothschild, but because you are good."

The evidence in this century, however, is mixed. Amschel was dragged into N. M. Rothschild by his father, Victor Rothschild, who near his death implored Amschel to leave his gentleman's farm and join the bank. But Victor opposed his other son, the enthusiastic banker Jacob. in his efforts to upen N. M. Rothschild to public offerings.

A hero in the financial district, Jacob took a small part of the bank. the Rothschild Investment Fund. and quickly made it profitable through associations with insurers, stockbrokers and even Sotheby's, the auction house. But bankers familiar with the dispute say Sir Evelyn disapproved, fearing that the Rothschild name would be cheapened by Jacob's alllances.

Meanwhile, Amschel managed the bank's money management business known as Rothschild Assel Management and watched its losses grow. By April, three months before his suicide, they reached \$10 million, compared with \$700,000 the previous vear.

"Amschel hated his job," said an Investment banker who had worked with Amschel at N. M. Rothschild. 20th century was a renaissance for and who spoke on the condition of wasn't good at it, but it had to be a Rothschild because of this thing about family control."

Another banker who knows the family, also speaking on the conditlon of anonymity, said: "They don't pick people on the basis of ability. They pick people they like to be

with. In Baron David de Rothschild, however, the family does not have simply the only available Rothschild male, but someone who sees the future and can take his family to it - if 5ir Evelyn treats him as a partner,

rather a rival - observers say. "David has changed the way the bank works," said Herbert Lottman, author of "The French Rothschilds." who has spent hundreds of hours interviewing David, Edmond and other family members. "He learned how to choose good outside managers without losing the company to them. That is a very important transition for the Rothschilds."

The Rothschilds also have certain advantages because of their name and their reputation; the banking house has never been touched by scandal.

"Above all, the Rothschild name signifies our morto, which is 'Integrity above all,' " Sir Evelyn said. "Integrity to the people you employ, and integrily to the customer you serve. And that is the No. 1 question mark in today's world."

Mr. Ross, of the New York offices, knows the power of the family name, because for years his operation didn'i use it. In 1982, as soon as New Court Securities became Rothschild Inc., he said with a smile, "It was much easier to get people to return your calls. Since we became Rothschild Inc. I have never been asked. 'What is your balance sheet?' "

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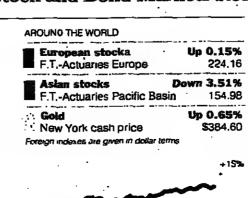
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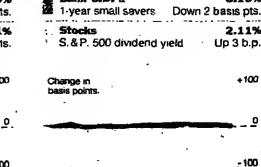
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Bill Clinton for President

Today we endorse the re-election of President Bill Clinton, Readers of this page will know that we share many of the public's concerns about Mr. Clinton's resoluteness and sensitivity to ethical standards in government. But our endorsement is delivered in the unequivocal confidence that he is the best candidate in the field and in the belief that because he has grown in the job he can build on the successes of his first term while correcting its defects. Toward that end, our endorsement comes with a set of recommendations for how Mr. Clinton can, before Election Day, address voters' concerns about his personality and character.

First, however, we want to outline the case for Mr. Clinton's re-election based on policy, performance and growth in office, Our view of Mr. Clinton mirrors that of millions of swing voters who are choosing him over Bob Dole and Ross Perot. He is clearly the candidate of hope and progress in this race. No one can doubt his commitment to using government to spur the economy, protect the environment, defend the cities, promote racial justice and combine compassion with fiscal prudence.

The choice of Mr. Clinton is easier because of Mr. Dole's halting campaign. Neither his 15 percent tax cut nor his wild charge that newspapers have pulled their punches on Whitewater stands the test of logic or represents Mr. Dole at his best, He is a good man whose service on behalf of the nation, in the Army and the Senate, will be well remembered. Indeed, many voters are dismayed that Mr. Dole has strayed from his moderate record and look to Mr. Clinton as a protection from Republican excess.

A Revived Party and Presidency

But a vote for Mr. Clinton is more than a defensive measure. He is clearly the most skilled navigator of today's contrary political seas. Even his most notable defeat, on health care, arose from his correct judgment that Americans want universal, affordable coverage. Mr. Clinton understands that the electorate makes contradictory demands. Voters are sullen and suspicious about government, yet anxious that it serve them. Americans have grown conservative, yet they want their interests and values protected. Mr. Clinton's Presidency has tacked this way and that, in part because it had to. He always calculates how far he can go and at what cost. We have disagreed with some of his calculations, but over the past two years he has not only revived his Presidency, he has also refashioned the Democratic Party's approach to government.

Some argue wrongly that Mr. Clinton has had no sense of direction. In Several areas, though, he has picked his destinations and risked his political interests to get there. The pattern of the last two years provides a template for success in a second term.

The Economy

The campaign has produced no more fallacious statement than Mr. Dole's assertion that the nation has the worst economy in 100 years. The real situation is that Mr. Clinton's drive toward a balanced budget has helped keep interest rates low and promote an economic expansion now in its fifth year. Mr. Clinton stood up to the spendthrifts in his own party at the start of his term. He curbed the Federal deficits that had piled up over years of Republican Presidents proclaiming devotion to fiscal conservatism. Yet he wisely opposed a balanced-budget amendment that would tie a President's bands in a military or fiscal emergency.

Mr. Clinton raised taxes primarily on those most able to pay while pushing through one of the most important initiatives of his Presidency, the earned-income tax credit, which channeled hillions of dollars into the poorest segment of the work force and lifted more than three million people out of

International Trade

Today both parties are driven by differences over trade, which accounts for a third of the economy. The temptation to demagogue about job flight is ever present. Yet Mr. Clinton has performed with a tough sense of purpose, helping to educate the public that foreign competition cannot be wished away. Although accused of unwillingness to take on his own party's interest groups, Mr. Clinton bucked the Democratic leadership to secure the free-trade agreement with Canada and Mexico. He then went on to support the global trade agreement that created the World Trade Organization. At the same time, he has been more aggressive in pressing Japan and China to open their markets.

Foreign Policy

In 1993, Mr. Clinton lacked experience in foreign affairs, and he stumbled early hy confusing consultation with leadership when it came to Bosnia. Now he is regarded internationally as a leader with a sophisticated grasp of a superpower's obligation to help the world manage its conflicts and economic

The hallmark of this new sophistication is Mr. Clinton's timing of those moments when American prestige and resources can be decisive. His decision to throw political and financial support behind the election of President Boris Yeltsin in Russia, then mired at below 10 percent in the polls, was a successful, high-risk intervention.

In applying American prestige to the Middle East process of reconciliation, Mr. Clinton was building on a bipartisan tradition. But without his

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intense efforts, the process would have foundered. In Bosnia, Mr. Clinton ignored persistent had advice about how to use force, invented a peace process from the most unpromising situation and finally

stabilized a war that posed a security threat to

Health Care

Europe and endangered NATO.

In the field of bealth care, the Clinton Administration failed through a toxic combination of hubris and secrecy. But Mr. Clinton was headed in the right direction. Americans need and want a health care system that covers everyone and keeps costs down through competition. If Mr. Clinton is elected, the journey toward this valuable goal will continue. If Mr. Dole is elected, that journey will end, and the assault on Medicaid and Medicare will continue. Instead of quality care for all, the country will move toward making Medicare a second-class program for the elderly poor and toward a health-insurance system favoring the affluent and the bealthy.

Political Values

The last few years have seen an ugliness of tone in American politics toward the poor, minorities and immigrants. Mr. Clinton bas been the most important voice for conciliation, but even he bas bowed to expediency. We opposed his signing of the welfare bill, but he has promised to ease its unfair attacks on the poor and legal immigrants. His lack of backbone on this issue was at least balanced by a courageous stand in favor of affirmative action.

In sharp contrast to the two previous Administrations, Mr. Clinton bas used common sense on guns. By supporting local police, he erased the Republicans' unearned copyright on the crime issue. He bas defended choice on abortion, and his reelection will help produce a Supreme Court that protects this and other freedoms.

Another value asserted by Mr. Clinton is reverence for the earth, Electing the Democratic ticket will return to office Vice President Al Gore, the most knowledgeable and consistent defender of the environment in Washington,-He converted Mr. Clinton from a relaxed to a muscular guardian of clean air and water. In a second term, they can generate a

Ethics

Obviously, we could not ask our readers to vote for Mr. Clinton without addressing his most significant leadership problem. Many Americans do not trust him or believe him to be a person of character. We do not dodge that issue, nor should Mr. Clinton. Indeed, he must view it as a prime opportunity of his second term. A fraction of the electorate, of course, will never forgive his reputation for philandering. But he can reclaim the trust of the great majority by demonstrating a zeal for financial integrity and for protecting the machinery of justice from politics. Toward that end, we urge Mr. Clinton to close the campaign with a series of dramatic gestures.

First, he should accept the Republican dare and pledge not to pardon anyone convicted in prosecutions arising from Whitewater, the White House travel office firings, the mishandling of F.B.L files, or the raising of funds for the 1996 campaign. He should promise that he, the First Lady and every member of the executive branch will cooperate with all investigations, whether they are from the Justice Department, special prosecutors or Congressional committees.

Next, Mr. Clinton should deal with his party's Indonesian fund-raising scandal by acknowledging that both parties' financial practices are wrong even if not illegal. He can then credibly pledge to recapture one of the main themes of his 1992 campaign. We saluted then and we still believe in the stirring call in his maugural address "to reform our politics so that power and privilege no longer shout down the voice of the people."

The Democratic Congressional leadership talked him into shelving campaign finance legislation because their members wanted to keep lapping up contributions from political-action committees. Now is the moment for Mr. Clinton to renew his promise by sponsoring campaign laws that end foreign donations and "soft money" dodges and that give all credible candidates a level playing field

when it comes to mail and advertising. Such dramatic pledges would do more than defuse the criticisms of Mr. Perot and Mr. Dole in the closing days of this election. They would also enlist public opinion on Mr. Clinton's side as a protection against Republican excesses in the Congressional investigations that are coming whether Mr. Clinton opts for openness or sticks to the hunker-down strategy that has done his Administra-

tion such damage. More important, Mr. Clinton would be demonstrating that he regards winning on Nov. 5 as a necessary prelude to the important work that lies ahead. Mr. Clinton's original vision of a country where no one waits for bealth care, social justice and economic opportunity to trickle down is still valid. His education in the leadership burden that rests on the world's strongest nation and its President has proceeded more rapidly and successfully than anyone could have dared hope. The Presidency he once dreamed is still within his reach if he brings the requisite integrity to the next four years. By adding self discipline to vision, he can build on the achievements be has already made and make a fair bid to leave Washington in 2001 as one of the notable Presidents of the 20th century.

Chirac Removes France as Honest Peace Broker

To the Editor:

President Jacques Chirac of France accomplished quite a lot in a short visit to Israel (news articles, Oct. 23 and 24). Looking for a way to insert France into Arab-Israeli peacemaking, he renewed French-Arab solidarity, irritated most Israelis (even those who do not support Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's policles), poked his finger in the eyes of American negotiators, and surely hurt the peace cause.

By publicly articulating how he believes the final Israeli-Palestinian and Israeli-Svrian settlements should look, Mr. Chirac has taken himself and his country out of the running for honest broker. For him, compromise is required on only one side: Once Israel accepts the maximum Arab position, peace will suddenly break out in the Middle East.

Can we attribute Mr. Chirac's current Middle East tour and his outspoken pro-Arab positions to a sudden change in French policy? Let's remember Mr. Chirac's important regional accomplishment as Prime Minister in the 1970's. He negotiated French nuclear cooperation with Iraq (the same Iraq that invaded Kuwait in 1990, almost had in its hands a nuclear device, and still pursues a nonconventional weapons capacity). Now, joined by Russia, Mr. Chirac

would like to weaken international

sanctions against this dangerous regime, but those efforts have been temporarily put on hold by the inconvenient United Nations disclosures of continuing Iraqi biological weap-

And just before this visit to Israel, Mr. Chirac paid a call on President Hafez al-Assad of Syria. We heard much of French-Syrian friendship, but not a word about Syria's gross human rights violations or its hosting of terrorist organizations and their training camps. But of course we'll be told that such issues were raised pri-

vately by the French leader. Let us also recall the French determination (together with Germany) to maintain an utterly bankrupt European "critical dialogue" with Iran, the leading sponsor of terrorism in the world today. What has that policy succeeded in doing beyond an Iranian "promise" not to have the British writer Salman Rushdie assassinated on European soil? Noth-DAVIO A. HARRIS Ex. Dir., American Jewish Committee New York, Oct. 25, 1996

No Litmus Test

While Anthony H. Cordesman (Op-Ed. Oct. 23) is correct that Palestinian poverty threatens the Arab-Israeli peace process, his policy pre-

To the Editor:

No Matter How You Slice It, We Are Big

To the Editor

Math intimidates partly because it is often made unnecessarily daunting. Your Oct. 20 Week in Review article "America Fattens Up," for example, convolutes the procedure for calculating the Body Mass Index so much that you suggest readers retreat to the Internet. In fact, the formula is simple: Multiply your weight in pounds by 703, then divide by the square of your height in inches. If the result is above 25, you weigh too much BRENT KIGNER Oneonta, N.Y., Oct. 23, 1996

To the Editor:

At last the Government has confirmed what many have been aware of - that being large and, yes, even fat is typical of many Americans, and now of the majority of Americans.

Yet the Government and the news media fail to recognize what they are saying. Consider the headline "Most Americans Are Overweight" (Health page, Oct. 16) and the article's opening seotence: "For the first time, overweight people outnumber normal-size ones in the United States."

Nowhere, not even through a touch of irony, is it recognized that socalled overweight people are now "normal size," that "overweight" is



revealed as an arbitrary and meaningless concept.

Certainly the majority of Americans must be included in any definition of what is "normal" for Americans. A realistic re-evaluation of societal, governmental, medical and media attitudes toward size and weight Issues is overdue. It is now the fat majority that is normal, not the thin minority. Open acceptance of this simple fact could be the first step toward such a re-evalua-GEORGIA KORNBLUTH

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New York, Oct. 22, 1996

effective "job coach."

Success of Welfare Law Isn't Caseworkers' Job

To the Editor:

In your Oct. 22 front-page article on changing the culture of state welfare agencies, Susan A. Christie of the American Public Welfare Association, who conducts training sessions for state social service workers, is quoted as saying she believes that caseworkers should be forced to "get people jobs under welfare reform' and to "feel some of the weight" of making the new Federal welfare law "come alive"

But trained social workers will not emerge because Ms. Christie clucks her tongue.

As a social worker for 25 years, 1 have seen few welfare caseworkers who believed that they had any powef over clients.

'Caseworkers were not trained to make the old welfare system work but only to determine eligibility and

What degree of accountability are Ms. Christie and other bureaucrats now willing to assume for the success of the new welfare system? What If we find more families in

poverty? Will Ms. Christie be cluck-F. ANNE HUMPHREY Ann Arbor, Mich., Oct. 23, 1996 The writer is shelter coordinator for the Domestic Violence Project.

U.S. Must Stop Exporting the Tobacco Plague

Bob Herbert (column, Oct. 21) is correct to criticize the marketing strategies used by tobacco corporations to recruit children to replace the two million American smokers who quit or die each year.

Yes, they want our children. But this is only half the story. The rest was told by a headline the following day in your Business Day section ("Food and Foreign Tobacco Help RJR Nabisco's Gain"). The real markets that will sustain tobacco profits are overseas, in Eastern Europe and Asia.

During the Reagan-Bush years, the United States, using threats of trade sanctions, forced open markets in Japan, Taiwan, South Korea and Thailand to United States tobacco imports. Elsewhere, in Vietnam, China and the former Soviet bloc countries, the United States and British tobacco companies set up joint ventures. In these countries, their aggressive advertising practices drive up the rates of smoking and smok-

ing-related illnesses. Exporting countries like the United States that have made progress in controlling tobacco at home should take steps to insure that they do not

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permit the export of the tobacco epidemic overseas. Chris Jenkins San Francisco, Oct. 23, 1996

Commissary Sales

To the Editor: J. E. Lyons (letter, Oct. 23) tries to

tell us that a tax break on United States Army commissary cigarette sales is not a subsidy. He compares this tax break to the tax deduction given for home mortgage interest. But this is a legitimale tax benefit that spurs home ownership and boosts the housing industry.

Does Mr. Lyons mean to suggest that the tax break on cigarettes sold in military commissaries would reduce military pension expenditures through shortened life expec-GERALD H. GUMPERT

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scription skirts a crucial dilemma: Palestinian economic growth and long-term Israeli security are unlikely to move in a positive direction until they are seen as separate is-

Mr. Cordesman criticizes the Palestinian Authority for being "too slow to understand that economic growth and sovereignty depend on its ability to halt terrorism." He notes that Israel "overreacted by imposing harsh security measures" and blocking exports and laborers from leaving the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The implication is that the reverse - tougher Palestinian security measures coupled with a more relaxed Israeli stance - would inhibit terrorism and promote Palestinlan prosperity.

But what if the Palestinians failed to halt terrorism? Economic and political benefits are slow to materialize even under the best of conditions. and some militants are likely to commit violence long into the future. Given a perception of Palestinian failure on halting terrorism, Israeli punitive measures would again derail Palestinian economic hopes.

A better approach would be to delink economics and security for the sake of Israel's long-term security. Allowing the movement of Palestinian exports and labor, as well as minimizing border closures, would give more Palestinians something to lose and generate more internal calls for stopping anti-Israel violence.

Palestinian poverty will undermine peace prospects, but a security litmus test, whether the enforcer be Israeli or Palestinian, is a way to guarantee continued economic stag-JEREMY PRESSMAN

Somerville, Mass., Oct. 23, 1996 The writer is a former project associate of the Cornegie Endowment for International Peace.

Prudent on Peacekeepers

To the Editor: William Safire (column, Oct. 24) writes that the Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat told a press conference 'that he wanted U.S. peacekeepers in Hebron," But Mr. Arafat Is happy with his own peacekeeping force; the gist of what he said was that if the Israelis were unhappy with the security in Hebron, then there should be discussion over bringing in an inter-

national force or an American force. But the Israelis dismissed the idea. President Clinton, in response to a question posed in the second Presidential debate, replied accurately that the United States has never been asked to send troops to the West

Contrary to Mr. Safire, there is nothing duplicatous about evading a hypothetical question, the answer to which could bring irreparable harm to a continuing process. Perhaps Mr. Clinton really did have this in mind when he chose not to give the demalogic answer that Mr. Safire sug gested for Mr. Dole. EMANUEL AX New York, Oct. 24, 1996

India's Caste System Bears Legal Scrutiny

To the Editor: It is by India's own choice that the problem of discrimination on the basis of caste is of international concern ("Caste May Be India's Achilles' Heel," Week in Review, Oct. 20).

Your article notes that the independent Committee on the Ellmination of Racial Discrimination in Geneva has agreed to olace on its agenda the issue of discrimination on the basis of caste. By saying that the "Indian diplomats and scholars argue persuasively that caste is not based on race," your article appears to question the committee's decision to monitor the Indian situation.

However, the treaty under which that committee operates, the Convention on Racial Discrimination, defines racial discrimination as iocluding discrimination based on "descent." Since caste is based on descent, the committee's decision is legally sound.

India agreed to submit to international scrutiny on this issue when it ratified the treaty on racial discrimioation, as it did when it ratified the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Under the covenant, states agree to insure rights without discrimination on the basis of "social origin" or "birth." Caste falls in these categories. STEPHANIE FARRIOR

Carlisle, Pa., Oct. 22, 1996 The writer is on associate professor at the Dickinson School of Low.

In a Different Guise

To the Editor:

Your Oct. 20 Week in Review article cavils at the moribund caste system in India, but the system exists in the United States, in a different guise. The managers in a bicycle factory in India may indeed have all been Brahmins and the cleaners may have been low caste. But the Boston brahmins of American corporations have relegated jobs in the mailroom to the "lower castes," too.

Contrary to a suggestion in your article, the caste system is not reinforced in matrimonial advertisements in Indian newspapers. Today almost all such advertisements include the phrase "caste no bar," further evidence of the dying system. In the United States the gap between rich and poor is getting bigger; in India. however, the upper castes are losing the economic status afforded by the caste system. Kew Gardens, Queens, Oct. 22, 1996

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at S. Klein's on

Union Square. J. W. Mays on

14th Street, yes;

is planning to purchase a copy of Annette Bening's Oscar dress at Giorgio Armani. In fact, 1 recently

saw a very nice Armaniesque sleeve-

less number with sequins at Kmari

Any kid who grew up in the city before the arrival of McDonald's and

beds and bath towels can tell you how

strange a first trip to a shopping mall

was. For us, shopping was synony-

mous with striding through the city.

And one day we could cruise a Flfth Avenue department store, just like

Lauren Bacall in a career gal movie,

and later spend hours in an Eighth

Street bookshop, displaying a genu-

ine interest in the poetry of Allen

In the city our shopping opportuni-ties seemed limitless. In the city our

shopping opportunities had history.

We never chose a restaurant be-

cause it looked like all other restau-

rants. We chose it because it was

So the slight anxiety I had at

Kmart while inspecting the AB-Ab-

dominal Roller (complete with pow-

er stand and a guarantee of results in

four weeks) was not over whether I

would have a washboard stomach

but whether bringing shopping mall

retailing Into the city was completely

desirable. This is a town of charac-

ters. You would never meet Nathan

Of course, not only the low end of

retail has succumbed to the big-box

trend. About the same time Kmart

anchored itself on 34th Street, Gior-

gio Armani opened his cool and ele-

Can Kmart replace

Orbach's, Klein's

and J.W. Mays?

gant 28,000-square-foot boutique on

Madison Avenue. And just as there's

a Gap next to every Banana Repub-

lic, Valeotino and Etro arrived short-

In fact, one of my burning ques-

tions in the last years before the

millennium is, Who shops at the

sparkling, two-tiered Luca Luca on

Madison Avenue? Is there really

such a rush for evening gowns cost-

ing thousands of dollars and avail-

ly after Armani opened.

able only in size 4?

Detroit at a Starbucks counter.

"big box" stores selling books,

for \$39.99.

Ginsberg.

different.

By Wendy Wasserstein

Orbach's on 34th Street, yes. And

E. J. Korvette's, occasionally, al-

though only after it moved to Fifth

Avenue. My mother further reminds

me that when we did stop in at dis-

count stores like Mays (as best as 1

can recall, the jingle went, "At Mays

each day is sale day all day long/And

20 million customers can't be

wrong!") or Orbach's, we shopped

only in the exclusive sections where

every saleswoman knew us by sight.

remember shopping with her at

Klein's; I remember the emphasis

she placed on our innate superiority

because we shopped not at the main

store but at the tonier Klein's Annex

next door, I can still recognize the

value of a finely ripped label, indicat-

ing designer goods at final mark-

down prices. (I just know my mother

Our most consistent and success-

ful shopping expeditions, however,

were to Orbach's on 34th Street. As

far as I was concerned, graduating

departments at Orbach's was a bet-

ter indication of coming of age than

was, say, moving on to algebra. It was a triumph never to have to

return to the sleep-away camp sec-

tion and to move from Girls to Pre-

Teen. Most important, for a Brook-

lyn girl in the eighth grade, taking

the subway into Manhattan to Or-

bach's demonstrated a cosmopolitan

sophistication and a deep and abid-

ing maturity far beyond even that

required to read "Franny and

My family moved to the Upper

East Side when I entered high school,

putting an end to our mother-daugh-

ter shopping expeditions. I learned to

sign my own charge slips at Saks and

Bloomingdale's, writing "daughter"

in parentheses, Orbach's, Mays and

even Klein's Annex folded. Of course,

I know my family's move didn't

cause them to close - there are too

many statistics about suburban

flight for me to be quite so narclssis-

tic. But I have ofteo worried about

how future generations of New York

children would fare without similar

experiences of shopping for socks

Now the megastore has returned.

Kmart has finally opened on 34th

Street (with another store soon to

come in the East Village). So those of

us who never fled to suburbla can

now purchase 35 Hefty bags for only

imitation of a \$200 Coach bag for

under \$20. Anyooe can purchase not

only a childhood but an entire life-

time at Kmart — from baby clothes

to teen-age sportswear to the perfect

starter farmhouse table (just

feriog from competition by rival

megastores in its traditional subur-

ban strongholds, considers Manhat-

tan a renaissance opportunity. Pe-

destrian traffic is ln; parking lots

Just like Bradlees and Toys "R"

Us at Union Square, Kmart is a re-

minder that regular people live in

Manhattan. Not everyone in the city

Wendy Wasserstein's next ploy will

are, if not passe, overworked.

be "An American Doughter."

Apparently Kmart, which is suf-

Zooey."

with mother.

is shuddering as she reads this.)

Frankly, I believe my mother has a selective memory. Not only do 1

Liberties

MAUREEN DOWD

Valley Boy LOS ANGELES Talk about your grapes of wrath. The Republican scold, who has been blaming voters, the liberal media and

sunshine state. Though be shares a philosophy with valley girls — "whatever" — Bob Dole is too coiled to be a California guy. Nonetheless, he is making his last stand here, spending \$4 million and several days to woo the original Reagan Democrats.

He went to Northern California yesterday for a bus tour of farming towns in the San Joaquin Valley, towns with

Bedtime for Bonzo. Whatever.

names like Visalia and Selma and Merced and Modesto, where they harvest grapes and raisins and almonds. The farmers believe the Government meddles too much, coddling endangered species like the kangaroo rats burrowing in the soil and the fairy shrimp floating in puddles.

"Talking to a wheat farmer in Kansas is oot so different than talking to a grape grower in Fresno," says Steven Merksamer, a Sacrameoto lawyer close to Jack Kemp who pressed for the Dole ticket to fight here.

At first, the idea of jumping in so late to contest California seemed absurd. Then again, Mr. Dole's endgame does offer a fearful symmetry.

This is the place where Ronald Reaean brought the Republican Party back to life. And this is the place where Bob Dole will take the lile out of the party.

Both men exhibited amazing instincts in their campaigns. Mr. Reagan instinctively did everything right. Mr. Dole instinctively did everything

Republicans agree with Lyn Nofziger, Mr. Dole's sometime adviser, who says that "Bob Dole bas dooe the best he knows how to do." His best, unfortunately, has been governed by the law of unintended consequences.

After doing Bill Clinton the favor of keeping Ross Perot out of the debates, Mr. Dole dispatched campaign mismanager Scott Reed to beg Mr. Perot to drop out of the race, thus giving the weird, inconsequential Texan a chance to label someone else weird and inconsequential. (It would have been a smarter tactical move to try to persuade Mr. Clinton to drop out)

It was, like, way stupid. While Mr. Dole was out telling Americans to "wake up," a gleeful Ross Perot was back in Washington, delivering what should have been Mr. Dole's cam-paign speech — a scalding, comprehensible attack on the ethics of the Clinton White House.

After Nixon's fall, Mr. Reagan gave Republicans the blueprint for electoral success: Lower taxes, less government, the rhetoric of tolerance and inclusivity (camouflaging the policies of intolerance and exclusivity). But where the former Governor of California offered a shining city on a hill, the former Secator from Kansas offers a surly city in a valley. He warns we risk "going to hell in a handbasket."

He represents not Reagan's California but Nixon's, not Pacific Palisades but San Clemente. He rants against nattering nabobs and voters who soon won't bave him to kick around anymore. He rails against affirmative action and illegal immigration, the kind of dark wedge issues Mr. Nixon and his protégé, Gov. Pete Wilson, deftly

"Affirmative action and illegal immigratioo — Ronald Reagan wouldn't have touched either of those issues," said one top Republican, "He preached inclusivity."

Mr. Nofziger, who worked for Mr. Reagan in California and Washington. thinks the franchise is lost, "Ronald Reagan spoiled us," he says. "He handled being a candidate with such flair."

Mr. Clinton bas worked hard to emulate the Reagan flair; his walk, his salute, his warmth, his anecdotes. "Clinton bas taken the essence of Ronald Reagan, a man without guile, and turned it into an art form," complains Mr. Merksamer, a Reagan delegate at three convections. "It's simply per-

Because President Reagan was detached, his staff teoded to read things into his nods and winks, But his ideas were fixed. Because Mr. Dole is detached, with no fixed Ideas, his staff fills up the vacuum with infighting and finger-pointing.

After the election, the G.O.P. Itself will fall into infighting and fingerpointing. Bob Dole, who never stirred any emotion as a candidate, will leave behind a surfelt of emotion, as Republicans scratch and struggle to revive themselves, again.

THE NEW YORK TIMES OP-ED SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1996 When Superstores Were Truly Super even the conservative media for his own anemic performance, is continuing his improbable quest to win the

stance, Hefty bags could be sold alongside cashmere sweaters at Armani. Or the Luca Luca lime-green suit could be a blue-light special at Kmart - \$17.99 including matching wig and imitation-Prada purse. If a pair of rattlesnake-skin Gucci trou-

inevitable would be eliminated. As for myself, in the midst of all the enormous new possibilities, I have decided that smaller is better. I am oow frequenting the corner bookstore, the same local restaurant-and a dress shop called Betsy.

sers (with the label nicely ripped)

sat on a Gap rack, a sense of the

Any-time a shopkeeper says, "It's nice to see you again," I think to myself, Thank you for remembering my life. Perhaps I feel that way because the saleswomen at Orbach's knew my mother by sight. City life Is made up of such small daily alliances. What would happen if there were no local store owner to notice that you hadn't been around for a few

Of course, my yearnings for the personal shopping experience are as much a trend as preferring to see plays rather than "Twister" and "Independence Day." The movement toward not just bigger but behemoth seems unstoppable.

In Seattle recently, I went to the To keep the city from losing its REI store, which sells everything unique shopping attributes and beany outdoorsperson could want. But coming merely another outpost of even better, in the middle of the store mall culture, I suggest a mixer there's a mountain to climb and a stream to relax by. There is even a among the new arrivals. For in-

shower where one can test Gore-Tex outdoor gear before a trip down the Colorado.

rhaps when the folks at Wal-Mart finally get to our island, they shouldn't hold back. Yes, it's Important to have bargains. We want Hefty bags for \$2.99! But can't the store also have a model of the Empire State Building for New Yorkers to climb? If these superstores are going to change the city, they should at least make it memorable.

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Foreign Affairs THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

Your Mission, Should You Accept It

WASHINGTON Whoever win's next week's Presidential election will have to immediately launch an intense round of diplomatic negotiations. Sitting across the table from the oext President in these negotiations will be the prickliest of foes: some will be Neanderthals wbo make the Afghan Taliban mullahs seem like progressives; some will be power-mad egomaniacs; only a few will be allies. The President won't need Air Force One to get to these talks, though. The limo will do. He will, however, need a translator. Because the President's first foreign affairs negotiation is going to have to

be with the 105th Congress. Why? Because the U.S. foreign affairs budget has been cut so sharply (51 percent in real terms since 1984) and the U.S. is now so deeply in arrears to the U.N., the World Bank and the World Health Organization (which are owed more than \$2 billion) and the foreign aid budget has been reduced so far (Egypt and fsrael now get almost the whole thing) that the ability of the next President to maintain U.S. leadership and conduct real preventive diplomacy will be severely handicapped unless he can cut a new "Grand Bargain" with Congress.

There is now so little discretionary money left in the foreign affairs budget that the only way to pay for the recent elections in Bosnia was to take the money away from the NATO expansion program, Partnership for Peace. One reason the Kurds in Northern Iraq got embroiled io a civil war was a fight over money, after the U.S. failed to come up with aid. The only way the U.S. can help fund the explosions, environmental disasters

or the state of t

Go straight to Capitol Hill.

Guatemalan peace process is to take money away from the Haitian one. More U.S. ambassadors have been

killed than U.S. generals since World War II. No matter, the Congress ordered the Pentagon to spend \$6 billion more than it asked for last year, while telling the State Department to close 30-some embassies and consulates and shut down 25 percent of the U.S.I.A. libraries around the world, which spread the gospel of democracy and free markets. Few people at State bave access to the Internet at their computers because there isn't money to buy moderns. Craig Johnstone, director of resources at State, ooted that we now speed about as much supporting democratization in Russian as we do expanding the H.O.V. lane on Route 66 into Washington.

There is nothing wrong with trimming the foreign affairs budget, or with streamlining the system. But it should be done with a sense of priorines, not by putting on a blindfold and backing away at it as if it were a piñata. Look where we are today: An increasing share of U.S. income oow comes from exports. American values are triumphing from Mongolia to Moscow. American quality of life is now much more threatened by global trends - the Ebola Virus, population Those who doo't travel don't know.

or the chaos of countries melting down from within - than from any armed foe. Yet precisely at such a moment we are trashing the U.N., underfunding development banks that help countries help themselves, closing embassies and telling the Pentagon to spend more than it needs. That's insane.

Or as Secretary of State Warren Christopher remarked: "We cannot advance American interests by lowering the American flag."

What to do? The next Presidentmust take this issue up with Congress himself. He personally has to make it a priority. The President should also enlist the Joint Chiefs of Staff in his lobbying. Let the generals explain to Congress the importance of having sufficient diplomatic resources sotroops aren't the only option. Moreover, President Clinton, if he does win, should appoint several well-known Republican foreign policy figures to his team. Without a real bipartisan approach, no progress on the foreign affairs budget will be possible.

Finally, the next President will bave to embark on a major re-education campaign with Congress. That core group of senators who supported foreign aid and who traveled the world is retiring: Sam Nunn, Mark Hatfield, Bill Bradley, William Cohen, Claiborne Pell, Nancy Kassebaum, Paul Simon, Hank Brown and Bob Dole. The President oeeds to help nurture a whole new foreign policy generation, and he could start by giving them political cover for traveling. Lawmakers, fearful of being accused of junketing, don't travel anymore. Those who don't know don't care,

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That Actor Looks Familiar

By JILL GERSTON

OU know them. The minute they show up on screen you recognize their faces, those wonderfully expressive yet Everyman faces that make such an indelible imprint on the celluloid landscape. You can't recall their names, but you're positive you've seen them before - and you probably bave.

The actor who played the bullying Marine sergeant in "Full Metal Jacket" - wasn't he the same one who played the outraged father in "Dead Man Walking" and the married conventioneer who rebuffs Elisabeth Shue in "Leaving Las

Vegas"? And didn't the actor who depicted Alicia Silverstone's gruff but doting dad in "Clueless" also turn up as a harried detective in "The Usual Suspects" and as Bette Midler's bimbobesotted ex-husband in "The First Wives Club"?

R. Lee Ermey and Dan Hedaya may not have their names above the iitle - how many moviegoers even know their names? - and their faces haven't decorated the cover of Vanity Fair magazine, but as two of Hollywood's busiest character actors, they are the nuts and bolts that anchor a film.

Along with colleagues like J. T. Walsh, M. Emmet Walsh, Joe Pantoliano, Glenn Plummer, Roma Maffia, Max Perlich, William Forsythe, Lois Smith and Will Patton, they constitute a pantheon of gloriously idiosyncratic characters whom fans remember even while the actors' names elude them.

"I'm the guy who kissed the girlwho kissed the guy who kissed the horse," said M. Emmet Walsh, 61, who has appeared in 84 feature films, most recently as the discredited psychiatrist testifying for the defense in "A Time 10 Kill," "But when I walk oo screen, no one washes me out. I have presence. If I'm working with Mr. Hackmao or Newman or Redford, it becomes a tennis match between us."

A gifted character actor "makes the leading man or lady sweat and do their best work," said the casting director David Rubin.

"They energize a scene. They make unexpected choices and often surpass the writer's imaginings."

Now that summer's mass-market blockbusters have given way to more dramatic fare, where actors, not special effects, are the focus, these hard-working scene stealers are popping up in a spate of new and forthcoming movies.

Mr. Hedaya, In addition to "The First Wives Club," will be seen in the Mel Gibson thriller "Ransom," in 'Marvin's Room'' Streep and Diane Keaton, in "Daylight" (starring Sylvester Stallone), "Freeway" (a noir thriller with Kiefer Sutherland) and io "Garden of Redemption," a World War II drama.

Mr. Ermey has meaty roles in "Going West in America," which stars Danny Glover and Dennis Quaid, and "Prefontaine," a Disney film about the track star Steve Prefontaine.

J. T. Waish, who recently played an opportunistic senator on a hijacked plane in "Executive Decision," appears as an asylum Inmaie in the offbeat independent film "Slingblade" and as a truck driver in "Breakdown" with Kurt Russell.

M. Emmet Walsh plays a bartender in "Albino Alligator" and an anothecary in "Romeo and Juliet." He recently completed filming "My Best Friend's Wedding," in which he plays the father of the groom.

Ubiquitous though they may be, these actors are not stars. Fans don't stampede to a movie because Mr. Ermey is in it. And in an industry that worships youth and beauty, they tend to look more like the rumpled masses strolling the aisles at Sears than Mel Gibson and Michelle Pfeiffer.

"If the entire population of a film were glamorous and beautiful, it wouldn't be reflective of life," said Mr. Rubin. "The sort of Everyman looks of a character actor are a tremendous asset because they create a specific reality on screen.'

Character actors seldom appear throughout a film and are rarely granted long, adoring close-ups. Scripts aren't written for them.

Character actors earn comfortable livings and enjoy a longer shelf life than most stars.

Agents don't fawn over them. Studios don't sign them to megabucks deals and at Oscar time, Giorgio Armani doesn't shower them with

Though a few established character actors may get roles without having to undergo the humbling process of auditioning, their work life is sporadic: a part may take several

weeks to shoot or be over in a day. Once character actors shine in certain roles - the thug, the psychopath, the detective or the buddy they have difficulty breaking out of that niche. Act resses, for whom starring roles are scarce, have even more trouble finding dynamic char-

"There isn't a dearth of actresses out there; there's a lack of lively, meaningful roles," said Ms. Smith, who appears in "Dead Mao Walk-'Twisier" and the new Bill Murray comedy, "Larger Than Life," which opens on Friday. "I've been fortunate in these recent years, but in general, there are far more available parts for character men than character women."

Even the term "character actor" can be perceived as a slight.

I never resented being called a character actor in New York, but with the caste system they have in Hollywood, you feel the little sting of it," said J. T. Walsh., "There is a distinction made between the person who is getting \$20 million and everyone else."

On the other hand, character actors will oever suffer the ignominy of being the subject of "Whatever Happened to ...?" articles. They don't need bodyguards to accompany them to the corner deli, and they don't shoulder the blame if a movie bombs. Sought-after character actors can earn a comfortable living in the low-to-mid six figures and higher - and usually have longer careers than stars whose shelf life expires when their looks fade.

"When you're not one of those. whom God has picked out of the lottery, you have to work harder at your craft," observed the director Ron Shelton. "But frequently you're the more interesting actor, And you're probably healthier emotionally than most stars, who are bundles of insecurity."

Even if they are anxiety-ridden egomaniacs, supporting players don't dare throw their weight around on a movie set. Maybe a star can be difficult, but a character actor with an attitude problem has very limited employment prospects.

You don't go in and ask for rewrites, that's for sure," said J. T. Walsh, 52, chuckling at the idea. "You're the one directors know they don't have to worry about, so they can turn their attention to more pressing problems, like finding the star a bigger trailer."

Mr. Ermey put it more succinctly. "You're prepared, you deliver the goods and you don't give people a hard time." he said.

Mr. Ermey, 52, is a leathery-looking ex-marine who got his start almost 20 years ago as a technical adviser on the film "The Boys in Company C." The director was so impressed watching him teach an actor how to be a drill instructor that he dismissed the actor and hired Mr. Ermey. Not surprising, Mr. Ermey got stuck for years playing military

"I was typecast so severely," he said. "For a long time I had to take what was thrown at me. Finally, a few years ago, I put my foot down and told my manager, 'No more mil-

itary roles. When he was offered the part of the anguished father in "Dead Man Walking," he leaped at the opportunity to be liberated from his khakis - even though he got paid scale. "I'd have done the damn role for free, because it was a great career move," he said. "It gave me an opportunity to really show my



Roma Maffia won recognition for her role as the acerbic feminist lawyer representing Michael Douglas in "Disclosure."

Mr. Hedaya, 56, who played his sbare of detectives and blue-collar workers, got his chance to redefine himself with a hilarious comic turn as a rich Beverly Hills lawyer who indulges his teen-age daughter in "Cineless."

The role not only propelled him up the career ladder but brought him to the attention of fans who oow may greet him on the street by name, instead of yelling, as one did, "Hey, man of a thousand faces!"

"It took time for people's scales to fall off their eyes in Hollywood, but I'm now given the opportunity for diverse roles," said Mr. Hedaya, who has just begun shooting "A Life Less Ordinary," directed by Danny Boyle, the director of "Trainspotting."

"I feel blessed," Mr. Hedaya said. Really? Isn't is frustrating to be always the supporting player, never the star? Doesn't he hunger for recognition and celebrity?

"I'm not frustrated," he insisted. 'I know actors who are truly gifted, and the business has not been as kind to them. I feel very thankful for what is going on."

Indeed, for many character actors who have spent years scrounging for bit parts, it is reward enough to be constantly employed, playing bigger. more pivotal roles. "I can't com-plain," said J. T. Walsh, whose words were echoed by others.

Yet as one studio casting director put it: "I don't think anybody wakes up and says, 'Gee, I'd like 10 be a character actor.' You just kind of end up there."

So how does a character actor vault from supporting roles to leads? How does one go from anonymous stalwart to star, as Geoe Hackman, Kathy Bates and Morgan Freeman

"It's opportunity, timing, talent and the right role in the right movie," said the producer Scott Rudin. 'it's that one breakthrough role that gives them the bounce. Tommy Lee Jones before 'The Fugitive' is not Tommy Lee Jones as he is today. That was an incredible part in a gigantic hit movie that made people suddenly say: 'Wow! Tommy Lee Jones can hold the center of a film." That can happen for any of these

Fifty or so years ago, during the heyday of the studio system, when studios churned out more than 50 films apiece annually, there was less urgency about snaring that one breakthrough part because there were gemlike roles galore for character actors.

Sydney Greenstreet, Peter Lorre, George Sanders, Una Merkel and Edward Everett Horion became stars in their own right. They turned up in film after film (albeit often In the same generic role), thanks to long-term contracts that guaranteed them steady work.

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Today's supporting players don't have such job security. What's more, as stars' salaries, skyrocket, character actors are often asked to take pay cuts. And their roles, as J. T. Walsh put it, "don't have much meat on the bone."

Increasingly, character actors are turning to television series for both steady employment and highly visible, well-written roles.

"The carrot of making a lot of money is a big thing for them because they've spent so many years struggling," said Sam Gores, a partner in Paradigm Talent Agency, whose client Dennis Franz got a star-making role in the television drama "N.Y.P.D. Blue." "Some are hoping for a long-run series so they can put away their retirement mon

J. T. Walsh readily admits that "job security" induced him to take a role as a naval officer on NBC's sci-fi drama "Dark Skies."

Ms. Maffia, who won recognition for her role as the acerbic feminist lawyer representing Michael Douglas in "Disclosure," turns up this season on a forensic investigative team in the NBC drama "Profiler" and Mr. Pantoliano plays a crazed hood in the CBS drama "EZ Streets." (Mr. Pantoliano also appears as a gangster in "Bound" which opened this month.)

Stariley Tucci, whose screen roles included the assassin stalking Julia Roberts in "The Pelican Brief," won critical acclaim last season for his portrayal of a devious mogul in Steven Bochco's court drama "Murder One." Unwilling to be stuck forever playing the heavy, Mr. Tucci took it upon himself to create his own star vehicle: "Big Night," a modest movie that recently opened to glowing

Similarly, Steve Buscemi, who developed a cult following in edgy inde-pendent films like "Reservoir Dogs," "Pulp Fiction" and "Fargo." made his directorial debut earlier this month in "Trees Lounge," an examination of suburban blue-collar life which he wrote and, fittingly starred in.

For most character actors, however, developing their own movies with their own tailor-made leading roles is the stuff that dreams are made on. More realistically, most character actors' goat is just to keep working. whether it's in bread-and-butter parts or in that sparks-flying role that will change their careers.

"It doesn't come overnight, that's for sure," said Mr. Ermey. "You just have to keep working hard and get 102 Partook of lucky. In this business, luck has a lot to do with everything." 103 Like outer space



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Antisemitic undertones to Romanian elections

Ominous sentiments ignited in Romania as the US ambassador attempted to elevate Jewish causes in the forthcoming elections. Michael Jordan reports

NTO the home stretch of a heated election campaign, the Romanian opposition has launehed an attack spiced with antisemitic undertones on the US ambassador, for his perceived support of President Ion Iliescu. Leading opposition dailies Romania Libera and Ziua sparked the furor, with comments last month in which they assailed US Ambassador Alfred H. Moses

for allegedly cozying up to Iliescu's ruling Party of Social Democracy in Romania (PDSR), in advance of the November 3 Both newspapers cited as

proof, Moses' role in the withdrawal from Romania of the Washington-hased International Republican Institute.

The IRI, fully funded by the American government, had advised opposition forces on how to looseo the PDSR's electoral grip, and provided logistical sup-

The opposition and IRI view the PDSR, whose leadership cotered the sceoe during Romania's dramatic 1989 revolution, as just a slightly tamet version of the former Communist

Mases, oo the other hand, has commended the government for reforms and lobbied on Romania's behalf for foreign investment and its admissioo into Western institutions such as NATO. So he ordered the IRI to either act nonpartisan in the oame of "the democratic process" or to cover its \$417,000 anoual hudget through private

The IRI, chaired by US Senator John McCain, responded that the PDSR didn't need its services and that the institute couldn't go it alooe fioancially. Funding ceased in November 1995 and the IRI pulled up stakes this March.

March.

Now some critics speculate that Iliescu and Moses, president of the American Jewish Comminee from 1991-94, struck a hackroom deal, to get the IRI out of the way in exchange for preferential treatment for Romania's tiny Jewish community when communal and individual propercommunal and individual properconfiscated during the

Communist era is returned.
"It is difficult to believe," wrote Ziua, "that [the amhassador's support) is oot being used in [his] efforts to get back Jewish houses nationalized during the totalitarian regime."

A letter to the editor io Romania Libera added ominousits limited economie and political ly that favoring Jews could "pro-



(Left:) President Ion Illescu during a visit to Israel; (right) Amhassador Moses as seen with Yitzhak Shamir in 1991.

voke unwanted inter-ethnic teosioos," and former Romanian Supreme Court Justice Corncliu Turianu, said, "[Moses] is praising lliescu because he wants to give back houses to the Jews. But if the houses are given back to only this category of people, there'll he a cooflict between Jews and Romanians like there is between Romanians and Huogarians. The Jews would appear in be a privileged group." "US pressure has often the A statement released by the US focused no compensation the said.

Emhassy in Bucharest two days later branded Ziua's claims as preposterous.

Moses, at the time out of town for the High Huly Days, clarified his positioo last week in an interview with The Jerusalem Post. He said he is merely carrying out US policy, which calls for the return of or monetary compensatino for all property wrongly taken prior to 1989.

various lewish communities. twice victimized - by the Holocaust and Communism. Compared with oeighbors like Hungary, Romania lags far behind on the issue.

"A draft law coocerning the return of Jewish communal property like hospitals, schools and synagogues has languished for nine months." His detractors "refuse to accept

"US pressure has often the facts as they are," Muses

other communal property is in furtherance of US policy, fully articulated by the Administration and the Congress, not oo behalf of any particular community in But with elections less than one

month away, facts are being used selectively. Both sides are anxious and quiek to sully the other. lı appears Iliescu will retain the presideocy, with a coalition of opposition parties – led by the ceoter-right Democratic Cooveono of Romania (CDR) expected to capture the

CDR presidential candidate Emil Constantinescu told the Post his party feels "isnlated from the West" for it has "lost interest in Romania's democratic forces."

But some believe the accusations leveled at Moses are simply a case of an "everyone's against us" mentality, seemingly imbued in the Romanian psyche.

"It's an unconscious excuse, one of many, for the possibility of losing the electioos," said Miehael Shafir, a Romania expert with the Open Media Research Institute in Prague. "li's the search for scapegoats."

Ofteo a cooveoicot target has been the Jewish community, and onw the outspoken Moses. Romanian Jewry has shriveled from a pre-war high of 800,000 to just 14,000 today. An estimated 160,000 are said to have per-

ished during the Holocaust, and roughly 400,000 Romanian Jews now reside in Israel. Io fact, Moses, a respected

Washingtno lawyer, was among those to oegotiate with Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu dur-ing the 1980s for Jews and others

"Restitution of Jewish and Ceausescu, hungry for hard curreney, sold tens of thousands of Jews to Israel.

When US President Bill Clintoo nominated Moses io. August 1994, his link to the

Ceauseseu regime was held against him. Seven Romanian senators peri-tioned the US Congress to block the appointment oo the grounds that Moses' work with Ceausescu iodicated tacit approval of the Communist system. Analysts. however, saw the unsuccessful

protest as thioly veiled anti-

Yet while in Romania, Moses has not shied from the spotlight, and the right wing's chorus nf criticism has continued unabated. Throughout 1995, he prodded Ilieseu and the PDSR to sever ties with its ultra-nationalist and neo-communist coalition partners, as the union tarnished Romania's international image. The PDSR finally relented and has gradually dumped each of its

extremist allies.
Then came the IRI affair, which broke only recently when official correspondence was leaked to the

oppnsition press.

While some cooteod Moses occasionally interferes and oversteps the boundaries of diplomatic protocol, he says he's played it

oeutral. And, several top opposition figures, including Bucharest Mayor Victor Ciorbea, have come to his defense.

"I refuse to become involved in the electoral campaign," Moses

"If Romania wants to be a part nf the West, its cause would be best served by a ceotrist coalition ator Nicolae Ceausescu dur-the 1980s for Jews and others left or ceoter right, it's up to the he free to emigrate. Rnmanian people."

'should be allowed to die in the Capitol'

E may be 93, hard of bearing, slow no foot and prone to losing his place when paragraphs get too lnog, hut Seoator Strom Thurmood, Republican - South Carolina, is dning fine. He delivers the goods for his state in a way that most politicians can only dream of. . .

"I have a 93-year-old conservative with 42 years of experience running against a 42-year-old liberal with no experience," said ble, but he doesn't lean nn any-Doug MeIlvaine, 38, ehairman of nue. He uses a hearing aid, hut he the re-elect Thurmnod campaign can get along without it. And, be in Summerville, just north of retains the politician's ability to Charlestoo, "Whn dn you want to get right up close, uncork vote for?"

Appareotly, Strom Thurmood wbn leads against Ellintt Springs Close in his bid to win an eighth Senate term. This, in a seat the Demnerats once thought they could capture.

Thurmood is already the nldest senator in history. Next year he will have had more years in office than any senator in history, and if he sticks around for all six years, he'll be 100.

TOFTEN appears he cannot carry the load. For years,

"There comes a point when you deserve bipartisan support," said attorney Diane Goodstein, 40, who is not a Repoblican. "He's conservative, but be's more than a good senator. If he wants to die in the US Capital, then he ought to be able to die

During a recent meet-and-greet Resort and Ino, Thurmond, a lumbering man just shy of six or interrupt. feet tall, moved slowly. His mnt-

framed by wispy orange hair (the with Thurmond's staff, and his nutcome of a transplant a quarter-century ago).

Broad-shnuldered, long-armed and meaty, be has a powerful grip honed by years of weight-lifting and workouts. "I watch my diet, and I get exercise."
Thurmond says. "I'm in a different category from most people my age.'

Yes and on. He may be a shammegawatt sky-hlue stare, and make the point be wants to make. When the inevitable "age" question arises, he respoods: "Wouldn't you call that discrimioatioo? Why shoold they discriminate against age when they don't discriminate for sex, race or religioo? Why even raise the questioo?"

Thurmood has read virtually every statement, question or mntioo he has made on the finor of the Senate or in the Armed Services Committee, where he is ehairman. But, aides hover, whisper in his ear, speak for him and frequently tell him what to say. He doesn't schmooze or talk issues, and ooly rarely gives at Summerville's Wnodlands interviews, always with a minioo standing by to reword, interject

On Armed Services, other tled face, high-cheekbooed with members speak coofideotially Sonth Carolini small hlue eyes, looks 93, and is about the difficulty of working never forget it.

reluctance to relinquish the gavel, even briefly. A rumored revalt by Republican members dissolved in 1995, when theo-Majority Leader Bob Dole (Republican – Kansas), gave Thurmood his support. These days, Thurmand's tap leagues - Senamrs Jnhn W. Warner (Virginia), William S. Coheo (Maine) and John McCain

(Arizona) - dn all they can tn At a recent meeting on Bosnia, ey unobtrusively nudged the proceedings aloog, extended courtesies Thurmood forgot, and asked follow-up questions be did

oot ask. Still, as almost any South Carolinian will assert, none of this is the point. "There's no great.piece of legislation you can credit to Strom Thurmond," said Clemson University political scientist David Woodard.

"But he has represented Snuth Carolina well, and he has this aura of never abusing the public

Woodard tells the story of how he was flying to South Carolina from Washington, and "there was Strom in coach class," wearing his rumpled suit, carrying an overnight hag and looking for a seat, "just like anybody else." Just a regular guy who, through loogevity and prolonged public service, has achieved mythic status. He has done favors for 70 years, for four geoerations of South Carolinians, and people



Senatur Strom Thurmond: 'I'm in a different category from most people my age.

At the Thurmood rally in Summerville, everybody had a Strom story. Goodstein met him at a parade 15 years ago, "when I just stepped out and said hello."

Theodora Buddin, 77, carries a book of "Strom Thurmond Family Recipes" that Thurmond gave her in 1978, the last time he was seriously challeoged. "He's still got plenty of sense," Boddin said, "and as long as he's all there, we'll elect him." Jerry L. Savella, 47, remem-

bered bow a single phnoe call from Thurmond to the US Embassy in Bngnta in 1977 persuaded the consulate to give Savella's Columbian hride a visa: "It was a miracle," he said. Or William Lomax, 53, a pbysian who called Thurmond in 1984 because the Navy wouldn't walked," Dove said. "Everybody let him retire: "Well, he told me, wanted to touch him." 'the secretary of the Navy is sitting in my affice just this minute," Lomax said. Sooo after, he was a civilian.

THURMOND'S mid-life career as the Dixiecrat candidate for president in 1948, and a leading segregationist seems all but forgotten. While he does oot get a large perceotage of the black vote, Thurmond has worked to improve relatioos, bringing aid

to black communities. "That was then, and this is nnw," said Cecil Williams, 56, a

black photographer who lost to

handing tnurs during the

Republican party ennventioo,

walked and

Cluse in the Democratic Senate primary, and is supporting Thurmond. "He's inspiring to me; be's given his life to public service, and I want to be just like Jesse Dave, 49, the black chairman of the Dorcbester Republican Party, Cnunty accompanied Thurmond on glad-

Clase, the multimillianaire textile heir who wants to uoseat Thurmand, was born in 1954, the year Thurmood cotered the Senate.

"he just

Perhaps realizing, Clemson's Woodard pointed out, it's difficult "not to appear meanspirited," Close said the issue is not age, hut "competence." Close constantly allodes to Thurmond's fitness to take South Carolina "into the 21st ceotury."

and uses a photn in a television advert that makes Thurmond look like Dorian Gray. At Wnodlands, it

Thurmand's turn to speak. He mumbled somewhat, and occasiooally looked at his hands or into space, persistent habits in the Senate. But he spoke unbesitatingly without notes and he told a joke. He didn't plan a pro-longed speech, he said, and felt "like the famous actress who had heen married a dozen times. Each time she told her hushand nnt to worry, because "'I wno't keep you loos

The race against Close, Thurmand said, was about "experieoce against money. I've gnt the experience, he's gnt the money and we're gning to beat.

But he didn't sound so sure, and as he finished, his voice cracked, perhaps partly hy design, but also through coovietion. "I've givco my whole life for Snuth Carolina," he said. "Now, wheo I'm at the zenith nf my power, I hope you'll send me back." (The Washington Post)

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Beef-eaters versus the world

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

THERE is a question that must be faced by any person who is truly concerned about global environment, and particularly about the starving peoples of the world whn, lacking eveo a subsistence diet, comprise one of the world's greatest environmental problems.

The questioo, serious and complex, is whether in a world where people are starving because of the lack of a howl of graio we can justify the resources that go into the production of beef. Beef is an expensive product, both mooetarily and ecologically. .

It takes over 5,000 liters of water to produce a

kilogram of beef, some five servings. It takes only about 330 liters to cultivate a grain-hased vegetarian diet. It also takes over five kilograms of grain products to produce that kilo of beef, while that

amount of grain will provide a daily ration of oourishing grain for 10 to 12 persons. Experts have estimated that the grain used to feed heef cattle (some 50 million tons per year) represents about 90 per cent of the total protein

requirements of the global population.
In addition, the clearing of forested land to create grazing areas is one of the chief culprits in the destruction of the world's forests, particular-

ly the tropical rain forests. This adds greatly to soil erosion, the pollution of water sources, the destruction of habitats, disturbance of rainfall patterns and the amount of carbon moooxide and carboo dioxide released into the atmosphere that exacerhate global warm-

Given these statisties, it is clear that if beef ceased to be a major item of food productioo theo it would be possible to grow ecough grain to feed the world and to preserve vital natural resources

at the same time. That is what the statistics show to be, at least, the theoretical possibility. The question that remaios is whether or oot this plan would work. Some vegetarians dismiss all arguments as rather weak rationalization on the part of meatconsuming people, and hold that they are the great barrier to coding starvatioo. Others, not oecessarily eoamored of beef coo-

sumption, question this assumptioo. Given the political actuality of the couotries of

the world, it is easily shown that an awful lot of world hunger is oot hecause there is oo food available but becaose some governments place feeding their masses at a very low point oo their list of prinrities.

They oeither assist in the productioo, oor are they willing to fund the purchase of food for those that they, in their cynicism, coosider an expendable part of their population, that is the less educated and helpless.

Having worked intensively io famioe-relief programs in the Far East and in the Indian subcootinent, I know that it is oot always the lack of food that allows people to starve but the greed and callous indifference of their own govern-ments and their own upper classes — the "haves" of their society.

It is, must interestingly, a fact that because of concerns over cholesterol in the diet, the coosomption of heef in the US, for instance, has dropped more than 25 per cent over the past five years yet oot one grain of extra wheat has been diverted to the famine-strickeo areas.

In fact, in some areas farmers have been paid subsidies to not grow more grain in order to avoid a market surplus which would inwer the overall price of grain. Cynical? Yes. Immoral? I thick so. Unethical? For sure, if one emisiders the overall picture.

But this too, like the true cost of heef productioo,

is a fact that has to be faced.



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Insurers agree to pay fines in price-fixing case

MOST of the insurance companies and senior managers indicted for restraint of trade will not face prison terms, though they agreed to pay fines, according to a plea bargam submitted to the Jerusalem District Court yesterday.

The defendants faced maximum sentences of three years in prison. The pica bargain has so far been signed hy five of the eight indicted companies - Clal, Migdal, Hamagen, Sahar and Zion.

Phoenix, Ayalon and Menorah could still join later, hut so far have chosen to take their chances

with a trial. The indictment accused the companies, plus 15 senior managers, of conspiring to fix premiums and other prices, such as special discounts, in 1991 and 1992. They also are charged with fixing agents' fees, acting in concert to eliminate coverage of certain items, and jointly acting to raise insurees' co-payments.

According to the deal, the defendants will plead guilty to all charges in the indictment. In return, they will be given only sus-pended sentences and heavy fines. Clal and Migdal will each be

fined between NIS4.5 million and NIS6.6m. Their respective managing directors, Rimon Ben-Shaul and Uzi Levy, will be fined NIS300,000 each, while their deputy managing-directors, Ya'acov Kihel and Gidon Rosolio, will be fined NIS150,000 each.

Hamagen, Sahar and Zion will receive smaller fines of between NIS2.25m. and NIS3.3m. Their managing directors - Meir Shani, Menachem Harpaz and Avraham Taiber - will be fined NIS 150,000 each, while three other officials at these companies will be fined NIS75,000 each.

The terms of the suspended sentences was not included in the plea bargain. They will be determined

Clal backs out of Yotvata purchase

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

CLAL Industries hacked out of its agreement to buy a 50 percent stake io Yotvata for NIS100 million, the company told the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday.

The company pulled out hecause Yotvata, the dairy, intended to include Touva in the partnership agreement.

Clal said Touva's eotraoce into the partnership will turn it into a mere financial partner. Under the agreement, Cial was

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Shortly after the agreement, Tnuva said it will stop distributing Yotvata products, so as not to help the dairy turn into a major competitor with the financial hacking of Clal.

In an attempt to eod the hattle, Yotvata decided to sell 24% of its stock to Tnuva and only 26% of its shares to Clal.

It took Yotvata six mooths to inform Clab of its new plans. industry sonrces expect the Yotvata-Tnuva transactioo to go ahead.

Clal intends to continue with plans to increase its investments in the food market, said a spokesman for the company

At the end of last year, Clal tried to buy a 21% stake in Elite Industries from the Federman group. The negotiations fell through in that deal after Elite Chairman David Federman reached a separate partnership agreement with the Strauss fam-

Treasury: More cuts may be necessary in 1997 budget

THE government probably will have to make an additional budget cut in 1997, said state Budget Director Ran Kroll yesterday.

Treasury officials handed the Knesset their NIS190.8 billion hudget yesterday, so poliocians can have time to read the document before the hudget debate

Despite speculation to the contrary, the proposed 1997 budget cut remains unchanged at NIS4.9h. Both Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Dan Meridor have indicated this cut is the absolute minimum needed to correct what they see as excess public expenditure by the Labor government over the

last two years. Speaking ahead of the introducnion of the hudget to the Knesset. Kroll said that since the original 1997 proposals were formulated in July, there has been a change in the country's economic indicators. This, he said, will force a rethink in the level of the cuts.

'Amongst other things, there has been a reduction in the GDP that we expected, and revenues are

lower than expected," said Kroll. "As a result we will have to recommend appropriate steps. It appears that we will have to bring a further budget cut to the government and Knesset."

Kroll would not specify an amount to be cut or the timing of such a move. "For the time being the most important thing is to pass the whole NIS4.9b. hudger

through the Knesset."

Both Treasury director-general David Brodet and the head of the State Reveoue Administration, Tsipi Galyam, admitted they had not expected the slowdown in the economy now being seen. "We must restore steadiness io the economy," said Brodet. "If we don't do this m 1997, is will have repercussions in the coming

However, both argued the economy is strong. 'GDP is currently more than S100 million [annually] oot many economies can do that," said Brodet.

"We have been very spoilt," said

Finance Ministry officials yesterday also produce a list of predictions for economic indicators for next year. These include: · Economic growth at 4% of GDP.

- Investment in housing coostruction down 6.8%. Trade and service exports up

 Unemployment to rise by 0.5% to 6.9%

Without predicting the inflation rate, the government reached its esomates based on the assumption of an inflation rate below

While growth this year and in 1997 will fall below the Treasury's forecast for the second half of the decade of an average 5% a year, Galyam said that will be corrected between 1998 and 2000.

The largest share of the budget (excluding the repayment of foreign aid), some NIS34.19h., will go to the armed services (26.7%). Education will be allocated NIS19.67b. (15.3%), and the various social ministries will receive a



Thousands of Bangladeshi women from poor farming families demonstrate in Dhaka yesterday over demands for jobs, shelter and healthcare. The protesters say they want immediate implementation of government welfare programs.

Ilanot, Batucha investment firms to merge

ILANOT Discount, a company controlled by Discount Investments. and Batucha Securities, which is controlled by Clal Capital Markets. are in advanced negotiations to merge, a move which would create the biggest investment-management

firm in the country. The merger will be based on an equal partnership in which both Discount and Clal will have 50% ownership, said an announcement to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday. The new firm will con**GALIT LIPKIS BECK**

trol subsidiaries in mutual funds. provident funds, investment portfolio management and brokerage. The companies have not yet

reached a final agreement on financial terms, said Lenny Recanati, chairman of Ilanot. Negotiations began several weeks ago.

The merger will enable llanot and Batucha to offer customers a larger package of services,

compenitiveoess, said Recanao. As a result of the merger, Batucha's headquarters will probahly move to Ilanot's new offices. Analysts predict the merger to

encourage other investment firms to merge, a trend in line with developments in the US. The capital markets slump of the last two years has led to the closure of many small investment management firms and significantly reduced company earnings from

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The tender documents may be obtained, Sunday - Thursday, at the Market Research and Tenders Dept., 11 Science Pal-Yam, Haifa, between 9 a.m. - 12 noon, on submission of a receipt, demonstrating payment (non-returnable) of the cost of the documents, into the Corporation's account at the Postal Bank. Payment slips for making such payments are obtainable at the above address (Tel. 04-8615455/4), and at the Sales Unit, 90 Rehov Yigai Allon, Tel Avtv, Ashdar building, Entrance B, Floor 1, Tel. 03-5654679, 03-5654641, Sunday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope, and be placed in Tenders Box. No. 1 in the Pal-Yam building, Haifa (address as above) by the last date for submitting bids, as stated above, No undertaking is given to accept the lowest or any bid.

NOTE. In appropriate cases, the Electric Corporation will give preference to suppliers, in accordance with the Tenders Regulations (Preference for Locally Produced Goods, and Obligation to Extend Commercial Cooperation).

The Electric Corporation retains the right to negotiate, where this is legally permissible.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Tie-Rack discusses opening a store at Ben-Gurion: The British-based high-street store Tie-Rack told the Jerusalem Post yesterday it is very keeo to open a retail outlet at Ben-Gurion airport. "We have had discussions with the airport authority in Israel and we would very much like to open at the airport, "said Chairman Roy Bishko. "We would very much like to open at the airport, when a

The company, which has some 380 shops in total, has 84 stores at 51 airports in 21 countries. We think Tie-Rack would do very well in Israel," said Bishko.

Report: Computer systems market to grow by 14% in next few years: A report by the International Data Corporation otled "The Computer Systems and Workstation Market in Israel 1995-2000 indicates that last year 9,286 multi-user computer systems and workstations worth \$262 million were sold incally, demonstrating a 12 percent increase over the previous year.

The findings also show that IBM, Hewlett-Packard, Sun and Digital were the most popular systems and that half of the systems sold for up to \$10,000. The computer systems market is expected to grow here by a yearly rate of more than 14% over the next few years. By the turn of the century, the market is expected to be valued at \$500m.

Manufacturers Association in software deal with Brazilian groups: The software division of the Manufacturers Association signed a joint-venture agreement last week with the Brazilian Software Organization and the Brazilian Software Export Institute, Amiram Shor, the group's director, said.

As a result of the agreement, Israeli software exports to Brazil are expected to double over the next few years from \$20m. to \$40m. Both sides also agreed to exchange information regarding software companies in their countries, to identify joint ventures Jennifer Friedlin and provide financial support.

Cyprus will not give up offshore business status to join EU: Cyprus will apply concerted efforts to retain its status as an offshore center during accession negotiations with the European Union, the Cypriot foreign minister said this weekend.

"The government is determined to take all necessary steps to ensure that Cyprus will not only remain, but will further be enhanced as a services center and an offshore husiness center, Foreign Minister Alecos Michaelides told local and foreign busi-

The eastern Mediterranean island, which applied to join the EU in 1990, is scheduled to start accession negotiations with the bloc in

A major issue the government will have to tackle during negotia-tions is preserving the status of offshore companies on the island. Some 25,000 have been created here since 1975, with foreignexchange receipts from the sector being the second-largest earner

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Offshore companies are exempt from an 8 percent value added 12x and pay 4.25% corporate tax, as opposed to 20 and 25% paid by local companies. Under EU rules, such arrangements could be viewed as unfair competition.

Sept. integrated indicators up 0.4% **DAVID HARRIS**

THE index of integrated indicators, which points to the performance of the economy, rose 0.4 percent in September, the Bank of Israel reported vesterday. The rise followed a similar sized decrease in the previous month. The September figure is close to those in April and July and, therefore, indicates a degree of stability in economic activity.

Among the factors comprising the index,

imports, following a 10% decrease in August. Retail trade was up 1.967, after a drop of 1.1%, and industrial production was unchanged after a 0.7% fall in

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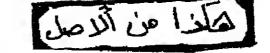
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COMMODITIES ROUNDUP

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and the deal with Branks Copper his \$2,027 on the London Meial Exchange (LME) late Friday, perhaps at last shaking off the blues that have prevailed since the disgrace of the Japanese mastermind of a highprice trading strategy, Yasuo

Hamanaka, back in June. Some LME floor traders predict further gains, given that warehouse stocks of copper have fallen 60 percent from their peak

last year to just 145,825 ions. If data due tomorrow shows another big draw, they would be at the lowest for more than six

"Comparing total stocks to prices (over the last 15 years) we estimate that the price of copper should be \$1.10 per pound (\$2,425/ton)," said Wiktor Bielski, analyst at Bain and Co. part of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell.

He estimated total stocks at around 3.5 weeks' consumption, not far above the all-time low of 3.1 weeks'.

But Bielski said there were special factors in play which are limiting the market's upside potential.

One was the perception that long positions in copper were still being unwound by banks that took over the massive exposure of Sumitomo Corp. of Japan, after it fired Hamanaka and alleged he had run up losses of \$2.6 billion in rogue trades. Another was complacency about new supplies coming on stream next year from big mine expansions.

"In fact, looking into 1997, I don't think the market will be that far away from balance," Bielski said.

Floor traders added that there was a big question mark over whether the copper moving out of LME warehouses was being consumed or merely sbifted to consumer yards in Europe, warehouses in China, and to the US and Japan.

But physical merchants were confident that copper offtake was picking up, justifying the decline in inventories.

We are seeing good business in the US, good business in the Far East and a shortage of scrap forcing people to take more LME material as a substitute, said one European merchant.

And of the 40,000 tons going to China, the merchani estimated only 10,000 to 15,000 tons was likely to find its way back into

LME warehouses in Singapore. Other dampeners on the copper price were influential shortposition holders trying to protect their exposure and producers selling into rallies in case the

market collapses, traders said. Joining copper on its upward path this week bas been alu-

minum, the second most beavily-traded of the LME contracts. From a 2-1/2 year low of \$1,305 a ton earlier this month prices have recovered over 10% to a six-week high of \$1,441

carly Friday. Tightening nearby supplies and modest fund buying were behind the move, further boosted by market rumors that the six signatories to a 1994 production-cutting pact may be considering renewing the agreement to

boost prices.
But Canadian sources in Moscow denied such intentions on Friday, knocking values off the

highs set earlier. Elsewhere on the commodity markets, Chicago wheat futures remained weak around \$3.85 per bushel after a surprise bike in the EU's export subsidy for wheat and dismal weekly US

wbeat export sales. Platinum fell below the price of gold for the first time in oearly three years in a technical market on which speculators

bave taken a negative view. Gold closed slightly weaker in Londoo at \$382.65 an ounce, down 40 cents. Platinum ended at \$383.40 baving found some sopport after its drop to around \$380-381.

Crude oil was little changed to just firmer.

Italy raises record \$5.1b. in partial sale of energy, chemical giant ENI

ROME (Reuter) - maly's Treasury pulled off the country's largest privalization with the sale of 14 percent of oil and chemical giant Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi (ENI), Treasury Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi said this weekend.

Ciampi said Italy raised at Icast 7.698 trillion lire (\$5.1 billion) from the second tranche sale of 1.1b. EN1 shares, which closed

"This was the biggest share offer yet seen in Italy, the biggest second-tranche placement ever seen in Europe and the largest fully-paid placement in the world," Ciampi told a news conference.

He said the proceeds would go to a special fund set up to reduce ltaly's huge debt mountain. Institutional investors were allocated 400 million ordinary shares, paying 7,161 lire per share - the closing price for ENI Friday on the Milan bourse. Retail investors were allocated 700m. shares at a price of 6,910 lire per share.

The overall value of the flotation looks set to rise, thanks to a reserve of 165m, shares which will be offered to institutions over the next month under an overallotment, or "green-shoe", option, drawn up in case of heavy

"I think there's a good chance all the green-shoe will be taken up," said one of the ENI global organizers, who declined to be named. Ciampi said that if all the addi-

tional stock was sold, the Treasury would make 8.88 trillion line from the second tranche sale. leaving the Treasury with a 69% stake in ENI.

The Treasury placed an inioal 15% of ENI on the market last

li planned to sell just 700m. shares in the second tranche offering, with 250m, of these earmarked for small Italian investors. However, beavy demand from the

Italy's privatization program has been a stop-go affair, with sales of a group of state banks in the early 1990s leaving investors with hefty losses.

retail sector forced the Treasury to

raise its offer.

But Treasury officials said a sharp fall in returns on government bonds, the savings instrument traditionally preferred by Italian families, had forced people to take another look at the privatization program.

Treasury director-general Mario Draghi told reporters the insotutional offering had been oversubscribed by three times, but he did not give details. He said alloca-

November at 5,250 lire per share. tions would be decided today, when the new shares would start

trading. One of the global advisors said demand from US and British institutions had been especially stroog, but he did not think any single institutional investor would finish with more than a 1% stake

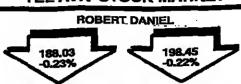
The Treasury said ENI employees, who were offered especially favourable terms, applied for around 84m. sbares.

Ciampi said the government would now push ahead with plans 10 sell telecom holding Sie1 by March, with electricity utility Enel following soon

afterwards..
"We are hopeful that as the privatizatioo program cootinues...we will reach our objective of one million shareholders (in Italy)," Draghi said.

Stocks stable ahead of bank rate decision

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET



Two-Sided Index

STOCKS were stable as investors waited for today's decision from the central bank about the direction of interest

"Investors expect the cut will be 0.5 percentage point or more," said Idan Azoulay, portfolio manager at impact Securities, a subsidiary of Union Bank. "Below that will be quite a disappointment."

The Maof index eased 0.22% to 198.45, while the Mishtanim index slipped 0.23% to 185.03. The most active stock was Koor Industries, which eased 0.75% on NIS1.7 million of

shares traded. About NIS34.7m, traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. Seven shares dropped for every

six that rose. digital voice-reporting and archiving systems, plunged 10%, the daily limit. Nice American depositary receipts dropped a total of 11% in New York Thursday and Friday.

Africa-Israel Investments

Maof index shares advanced 2.25%. Parent Bank Leumi said it received many inquiries about its holding in the property developer and was extending the deadline by which investors could submit bids. Bank Leumi shares advanced 0.25%.

Interest rates are important to stock investors because they determine corporate borrowing costs. Lower rates mean companies spend less to expand and can bring bigber profits and stock prices.

In addition, Israel's relatively high rates bave kept the sbekel strong against the US dollar.

That has raised backles within the export community. With a strong currency, exports become more expensive for overseas buyers. And exporters pay eosts Nice Systems, the producer of - and salaries in stronger local currency while earning revenue in weaker dollars.

The shekel closed Friday at 3.281, little changed from 3.28 Thursday. The currency does not trade on Sundays.

(Bloomberg)

Mexico's new economic pact sets growth targets

MEXICO CITY (Reuter) - The Alliance for Growth, set a target Mexican government signed a new economic pact for 1997 with business and labor leaders, saying recovery from last year's disastrous recession is well underway and faster growth will come in the

"This is a good alliance for the worker, for the farmer, for the employee and for the employer, a good alliance for growth and a good alliance for Mexico," President Ernesto Zedillo said this weekend at the signing ceremony at his official residence. Los Pinos, following all-night negotiations.

"Recovery is now reaching clearly into all spheres of production." Zedillo said. The new pact "allows us to propose for 1997 a definitive step towards the growth that Mexico needs".

The accord, officially called the

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of at least 3% economic growth this year, rising to at least 4% next year and 5-6% annually there-

Business leader Hector Larios Santillan said 1996 growth, fuelled by exports and a revival of domestic demand, could be as

high as 3.7%. In 1995, in the deep recession that followed the December 1994 peso crash, the Mexican economy shrank by almost 7%.

The government also predicted inflation, which skyrocketed following the peso crash, would be reined back to 15% in 1997 from over 50% last year and about half that rate this year.

The pact set an increase in the minimum wage of 17%, effective from Dec. 1 and valid for all of

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IMF expresses reservations on Turkey's '97 budget

ANKARA (Reuter) - An IMF team administration. assessing the Turkish economy expressed concern over Turkey's ambitious 1997 budgetary targets and urged the government to implement an urgent anti-inflation pro-

In the present situation of high inflation and a widening external current account deficit, the IMF mission urged the adoption by Turkey of a comprehensive anti-inflationary program," the team said in a communique this weekend.

Turkey introduced a zero-deficit 1997 budget-draft to parliament last week, envisaging the raising of \$8.5 billion in revenue through the sale of state assets and a minority stake in telecom giant Turk Telekom.

The communique said the IMF mission welcomed the intention of the government to accelerate privatization and strengthen tax

"At the same time, it expressed reservations on the feasibility of realizing the tax revenue projections of the budget and the expected proceeds from privatization and asset sales within the envisaged time

frame," it added. The team will leave Turkey after a two-week examination of the economy hit by big public deficits and inflation of around 80 percent.

The communique said the dia-logue between the IMF and Turkey would be maintained through further discussions in early 1997.

'The mission also expressed its concern at the large and growing deficit of the social security system. which requires urgent measures to improve its operational balance. Firm control over expenditures would also be needed to achieve the

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Ontario unions protest government budget cuts in Toronto

TORONTO (Reuter) - At least about creating jobs," Buzz 75,000 demonstrators converged on the Ontario legislature this weekend to protest said. deep budget cuts by the province's Conservative gov-

Estimates of the size of the demonstration varied widely. Toronto police first put the number of people participating at 40,000, based on a count demonstrators to put forward conducted by belieopter, but concrete proposals. "We later raised the figure to understand those who may dis-75,000, the Canadian Press news agency reported. Organizers said the turnout must do more than that. You was far bigher, approaching must give us positive sugges-300,000.

Organized by labor unions, the demonstration followed mass picketing on Friday that sbnt the transit system in Canada's largest city and disrupted businesses, government offices and factorics. Transit service was back to normal Saturday.

Labor leaders and social activists urged the government of Conservative Ontario from its budget-cutting policies. "Quit throwing people out of work if your agenda is of the century.

Hargrove, president of the Canadian Auto Workers union, The march stopped in front

of the downtown convention centre where the provincial Conservative Party, with the premier in attendance, was holding its annual convention. Harris later ealled on the agree," he told reporters. "We're saying to them that you

About 50 supporters of the government's policies gathered briefly at the start of the march. They waved signs but dispersed as the demonstration

got under way. The two "Days of Action" in Toronto followed similar, smaller protests in four other Ontario cities earlier this year. The demonstrators are outraged at Harris' plans to Premier Mike Harris to retreat eut spending by C\$8 billion (NIS 16 billion) to wipe out a big budget deficit by the turn

Trade ties to top agenda of Kohl's Indonesia trip

JAKARTA (Reuter) - German Chancellor Helmut Kobl is expected to concentrate on trade and economic relations during his official visit to Indooesia. But German officials bave indicated human rights and the thorny problem of East Timor

could also come up in discussions loday with Indonesia's President Subarto and other government leaders. Kohl, accompanied by three of his federal ministers and 56

German industrialists, arrived in Jakarta Saturday. The longserving German chancellor was due to spend a leisurely day yesterday with Suharto among the Thousand Islands in the Java Sea, north of Jakarta.

Accompanying them was Indooesian Research and Technology Minister Jusof Habibie, a close associate of Subarto who has retained close links with Germany, baving studied there at the Technical University of Aachen. Fritz Kleinsteuber, director of

Indonesian-German Ecocomic Association in Jakarta, said there were good opportunities for German businesses in Indonesia.

Indonesia needs to develop small and medium-sized industries in layers below the established conglomerates, be said.

"We need to promote German companies moving ioto Asia. For me, China is number ooe in Asia. But China is not the place for medium-sized and smallsized industries. "Indonesia is the place. There

is no doubt they are coming," Kleinsteuber said. Germany is Indonesia's

largest European market. Twoway trade amounted to 6.8 billion marks (NIS15b.) in 1995, 75 percent bigher than five years before. "We do not need to improve

our relationship. Our relatioo-ship is execllent," Kleinsteuber Kohl has called Suharto, who

underwent medical checks near Frankfurt earlier this year, a good friend of Germany". But a German government

official said last week Kobl would raise the issue of buman rights during his visit.
Self-exiled East Timorese

resistance leader Jose Ramos-Horta, who was awarded the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize jointly with East Timorese Catholie Bisbop Carlos Belo carlier this month, urged Kohl at the end of last week to press Subarto to begin withdrawing his troops from East Timor immediately. Indonesian troops occupied

the former Portuguese colony in 1975 and annexed it the following year.

The move was never recognized by the United Nations. Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Guterres has also appealed to Kohl to raise what Guterres called "intolerable conditions" in East Timor.

Ramos-Horta, who lives in Sydney, Australia, bas said oo country in Europe bad more infloence on Indonesia than Germany.

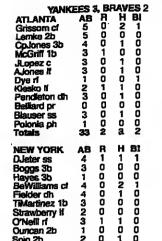
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NEW YORK (AP) - The Yankees, award - despite giving up a run in the fifth inning. That meant be world Series after two humbling World Series after two humbling losses at home, won their first title since 1978 with a 3-2 victory over the defending champion Atlanta Braves in Game 6.

Jimmy Key, who missed almost all of last year because of shoulder trouble, worked the first 5 1/3 inniogs and then manager Joe Torre turned it over to his vaunted bullpen to elinch the Yankees' record 23rd championship

Saturday night. There are so many moving stories on this Yankee club," owner George Steinhrenner said.

John Wetteland, the fifth New York pitcher, became the first reliever to record four saves in a Series - earning him the MVP



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with two outs pulled Atlanta within a run and put runners at first and second. Mark Lemke fouled out to third baseman Charlie Hayes to end the game and start a celebration marked with a massive pileup of Yankees on the mound.

The Yankees beat Greg Maddux in becoming the first team to win a game at home in this Series. A day after a 1-0 win, New York again put together enough hits to win by a run - in baseball's Year of the Homer, there were none in the final two games.

For the 56-year-old Torre, it brought redemption in his first year as Yankees manager. He had played and managed in 4,272 games without reaching the Series

the longest streak in major league history - and once was fired as Atlanta's manager. The win came a day after his brother, Frank, received a desperately

York hospital. "I never had any doubts about this club," Torre said. "When you get as old as I am, you learn to appreciate it. It might come only

needed heart transplant at a New

For veterans like Wade Boggs and Cecil Fielder, it brought them their first World Series champi-

Boggs celebrated hy climbing aboard a police horse and riding around the outfield while his teammates took a victory lap to the standing ovation of the 56,375 fans. In 1986, he was within one out of a title when Boston lost the Series to the New York Mets.

"Our heart is as big as the Twin Towers right now," Boggs said. The Braves, who had "Team of the '90s" inscribed on their championship rings after last year, have reached the World Series in four of the last five postseasons but won

only one title. Braves manager Bohby Cox, whose team overcame a 3-1 deficit to beat St. Louis in the NL playoffs, was not around to watch his team's last loss. He was ejected in

That meant he wasn't around to

see the Braves' final rally. Ryan Klesko and Terry Pendleton singled with one out and pineh-hitter Lois Polonia struck out. Grissom singled before Wetteland retired Lemke.

Atlanta looked ready to become the first NL team since the Big Red Machine in 1975-76 to win consecutive championships fol-lowing 12-1 and 4-0 wins at Yankee Stadium.

But David Cone, who came back from a career-threatening aneurysm in his right shoulder this year, got the Yankees going the right direction with a gutsy win in

Darryl Strawberry, out of baseball this spring and finally rescued hy Steinbrenner, contributed key hits in New York's rally.

"If you have to lose, I don't mind losing to Joe Torre. He's a class act," Cox said. "After going two up, you figure you're going to win one or two at home. They came right back and showed us

came right back and showed us what they're made of.

"We have nothing to be ashamed about. We're a winning team."

Key gave up five hits and one run. He beat the Braves while with Toronto in the 1992 World Series in the clinching Game 6. David Weathers relieved Key and got one out and Graeme Lloyd also got one out before setup star Mariano Rivera pitched two innings. Rivera pitched two innings. Lloyd turned out to be a Series

star and vindicated general manager Boh Watson, who thought his joh was in jeopardy when the deal didn't look too good at the start. . Paul O'Neill, who made a running catch that finished the Yankees' 1-0 win in Game 5, hit a

off Maddux in the third. O'Neill moved to third on a groundout and, with the infield playing in, Joe Girardi -Maddux's former catcher on the Chicago Cohs - tripled over Grissom, who was playing his usual shallow center field.

double that began a three-run burst

The infield was still in for Derek Jeter, who sharply singled for a 2-



WORLD HAPPINESS - Yankees celebrate after winning their record 23rd World Series.

0 lead. Jeter kept the crowd cheering with a stolen base, and Bernie Williams raised the noise level another notch with an RBI single. Down 3-0. Atlanta tried to rally

in the fourth, loading the bases with one out on a walk and two singles. Jermaine Dye drew another walk, forcing home a run and bringing up Pendleton. But Pendleton, a hero for the

Braves in postseasons past, could not come through. He grounded into a double play that left the 36year-old designated hitter in a 1for-30 slump dating to September. Cox's night ended in the fifth

while arguing a play in which

Grissom was thrown out at second. Grissom tried to advance from first oo a pitch in the dirt, and was cut down hy Girardi in a close

Third base coach Jimy Williams ran out to argue with umpire Terry Tata, and wound up trying to restrain Grissom. Cox said his piece to Tata, and was still grumhling as he walked past third base impire Tim Welke on the way to the dugout.
All of a sudden, Cox became the

sixth manager to be ejected in Series history and the first since St. Louis's Whitey Herzog in

Were larger forces at work? *

JIM LITKE

A PAIR of experts pondered the question: were there larger forces at work deciding the nutcome of this World Series?

"I didn't believe in stuff like that when I was playing, and I haven't changed my opinioo since, said Hall of Famer Warren Spahn, who until Saturday night was the last Braves pitcher to lose a pivotal Game 6 to the New York

Greg Maddux wasn't so certain. Minutes after he supplanted Spahn as the Braves' most recent Game 6 Yankee victim, someone asked him to describe what happened to the pitch Paul O'Neill ripped into right for the double that started New York's decisive three-run, third-inning rally.
"A slider off the end of the bat.

Give him pleoty of credit, Maddux said

Then he pansed a moment, lowered his voice, and very coolly added, "I get a lot of outs with that pitch during the year."

Ballplayers are reluetant to believe in things they can't see. Past ballplayers like Sp. ahn, who remembered when Yankee teams didn't oeed any help, as well as present ones like Maddux, who will probably go to his grave believing the better team actually lost 3-2 Saturday night and with it,

Not that it makes much differ-

Call it destiny, the way the oewspapers bere will. Call it momeotum, the way some ballplayers did. Call a kid leaning over the wall in right to decide one postseason game and all those other bounces, breaks and hearttugging stories falling New York's

way whatever you want. Just doo't call Spaho, the Braves' ace and Yankee nemesis of another era, and ask him to say the Series turned on things you can't wrap your hands around. He

isn't buying.
"About as far as I'll go on the subject is this: I always thought it was easier to win a game coming off a win." he said.

But things were strange when Atlanta manager Bobby Cox sent out John Smoltz to pitch Game 5. Smoltz threw what he called "the best game I've ever pitched," which considering his accomplishments, is saying something. Didn't matter. He still lost 1-0, wheo Marquis Grissom, the Braves' four-time Gold Glove center fielder, dropped a fly ball that put the game's only run on second base.

Afterward, Cox was asked how often he'd seen something like that happen. "Never," he answered.

Cox could have replied similarly about any oumber of things that went against his Braves in the three middle games of this Series: a swinging hunt that stayed fair, an umpire that made it impossible to catch a foul; a double play that wasn't turned; Atlanta's best reliever lapsing into a Nuke Laloosh imitation at the worst possible moment; all those rockets that ran out of fuel the second they got within reach of Yankee gloves.

As if that wasn't enough, there was the story of the Torres, New York manager loe and his older brother Frank, who received a heart transplant on the eve of Game 6. If nothing else, that transformed the Yankees into sentimental favorites.

National tennis c'ships start today

HEATHER CHAIT

LAST year's winner Eval Ran will be absent from the national tennis championships which begin today at the Hadar Yosef courts in Tel Aviv.

career in the US, top seed for the and his name is Boris." tournament is Nir Welgreen. followed by Noam Behr, Eyal Erlich and Ofer Sela.

Among the women players Hila Rosen, who won last year, and top local player Anna Smashnova will also not be competing, due to injury. This leaves the way open for top seed Shiri Burstein and Limor Gabbai behind her.

Play will begin at 9 am with the finals on Friday at 2 pm.

Meanwhile, Ramle won the club championships by beating Maccabi Tel Aviv twice over the weekend. Playing for Ramle were Erlich, Amir Hadad and Noam Okkun wbo trounced Behr, Lior Mor and Raviv Weidenfeld 3-1 on Friday and 2-1 on Saturday.

Sampras outclassed against 'Indoor King' Becker

STUTTGART (AP) - Pete Sampras may be the best player in the world everywhere else, but not when he faces Boris Becker indoors in front of 7,200 roaring.

Becker fired 29 aces yesterday and tought back from a set down to win the Eurocard Open 3-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. He also snapped the world No. 1's 21-match that was the year's best in a three-hour strug-

"He was just too good today - great comeback," With Ran now promoting his said Sampras. "There's only one king in Germany The title at the tournament, which started with all of

the world's top players in the field, was the 48th of Becker's career. Twenty-nine were earned indoors. "Becker is the best indoor player I've ever played," said world No. 1 Sampras, who traded some brilliant shots with the German while faced with a crowd that

cheered his opponent's every move. Becker finally slammed a backhand winner down the line to gain the deciding break at 2-1 in the fifth

Becker, who had been sidelined with a wrist injury since Wimbledon in June, was playing in only his third tournament since his comeback. "My muscles started to hurt in the fifth set, but I

gritted my teeth and hung on," Becker said. Being this good this soon after the injury is the best Christmas gift I could have. I have a lot of respect for Pete - I really didn't expect to win today," added Becker, who will move

up to world No. 3 in today's oew ratings. Sampras had been in devastating form at the tournament. In the quarter-finals he ripped Andre Agassi in straight sets in a match he called perhaps his best ever.

But Becker, who fired 76 aces during the tournament, shifted into high gear in the second set behind his powerful serve. At every key moment he called upon the weapon in a match decided hy a single break

"I don't know why I'm serving so incredibly well -I can't explain it and I'm oot even going to try."

Australia-India cricket match abandoned

CUTTACK, India (AP) - Bad weather forced the triangular series ooe-day ericket match between India and Australia yesterday to be abandoned without a ball being bowled. Steady rain since last night made

play impossible in the key tie at Cuttack which both teams were hoping to win to improve their chances of joining unbeaten South · Africa in the final. The cancelatioo, which gave

India and Australia one point each, has set up a keep tussle for the secood finalist's spot wheo the last round starts tomorrow. After two rounds, India has three

points and Australia one, and both teams oced to win their remaining two matches to ensure a place in the final against South Africa.

South Africa takes on India at Raikot tomorrow and Australia at Guwahati oo Friday, before India and Australia clash in the last match at Chandigarh next Sunday.

The Cuttack match was to start in the morning, but umpires found the outfield damp. Cuttack, in the coastal Orissa state, had rains in the past 24 hours.

back with team doing a good job and that there. LESS than 24 hours after he

Mac. Herzliya coach

announced his resignation from: Maccahi Herzliya, coach Gil Landau is back in the joh. Landau announced his decisioo

to quit the eluh on Saturday night, after Herzliya were soundly beaten 3-1 hy National League leaders Hapoel Petah Tikva. But he was persuaded by his namesake, Herzliya Mayor Eli Landau, to stay on in the joh after the two and eluh chairman Rony Klaiman met to discuss the decision to quit.

Mayor Landau, who supports the cluh through municipal funds, insisted that the coach stay on in his joh, saying that he would sue for hreach of contract if the latter stuck to his decision to leave. The mayor said that coach Landau was

was currently no better man to fill the position. The coach has appareotly agreed to give himself another chance at rectifying the cluh's miserable plight. Saturday's match

Herzliya's sixth loss in seven matches and the only positive note was that the team finally managed to register a tally in the "goals for" column for the first time this season, wheo Roman Filipchuk scored a consolation effort in the 73rd minute.

Herzliya is still propping up the league with only one point to its name, gained from a goalless draw with Zafririm Holoo in the second round of action in the curreot campaign.

Top 25 college football scores

Top 25 college football scores

No. 1 Florida (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Saharday.
No. 2 Ohlo State (7-0) beat No. 20 lowa 33-26. Next: vs. Minnesota, Saharday.
No. 3 Florida State (6-0) beat Stanford 41-9. Next: at Georgia Tech, Saharday.
No. 4 Artzons State (6-0) beat Stanford 41-9. Next: at Oregon State, Saharday.
No. 5 Nebraska (6-1) beat Karsas 63-7. Next: at Oregon State, Saharday.
No. 6 Tennessee (5-1) beat Karsas 63-7. Next: at Oregon State, Saharday.
No. 7 Alabama (7-1) lost to No. 8 Tennessee 20-13. Next: at South Carolina, Saharday.
No. 8 Colorado (6-1) beat Foras 28-24. Next: at Missouri, Salarday.
No. 9 N. Carolina (6-1) beat Himosota 42-14. Next: vs. North Carolina State, Saharday.
No. 10 Michigan (6-1) beat Himosota 44-10. Next: vs. Michigan, State, Saharday.
No. 11 Northwestern (7-1) beat Himosota 27-24. Next: at No. 17 Penn State, Saharday.
No. 12 West Virginia (7-1) beat lisnois 27-24. Next: vs. Michigan, State, Saharday.
No. 13 LSU (6-1) beat mississippi State, 28-20. Next: vs. Syracuse, Saharday.
No. 14 Virginia (5-2) lost to No. 3 Florida State 31-24. Next: vs. Syracuse, Saharday.
No. 15 Brigh. Young (6-1) beat Tex. Christian, 45-21. Next: vs. Texas-El Paso, Seharday.
No. 16 Kansas State (7-1) beat Indiana, 48-26. Next: vs. No. 11 Northwestern, Saharday.
No. 17 Penn St. (7-2) beat Indiana, 48-26. Next: vs. No. 11 Northwestern, Saharday.
No. 19 Notre Dame (4-2) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Methodist, Saharday.
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No. 22 Autum (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. Next: vs. Continuad, Saharday.
No. 23 Washington (5-2) beat Oregon 33-14. Next: at Southern Cal, Saharday.
No. 25 Mismil (5-2) beat Oregon 33-14. Next: at Southern Cal, Saharday.
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NHL - Saturday's results; San Jose 2, NY Islanders 2; Detroit 2, Boston 1; New Jersey 4, Tampa Bay 1; Buffalo 6, Hartford 3; Montreal 6, Philadelphia 5; Toronto 5, Phoenix 2; Dallas 5, Ottawa 1; Colorado 4, Edmonton 2; Washington 6, St. Louis 4; Calgary 0, Los Angeles 0; Vancouver 2, Pittsburgh 1.



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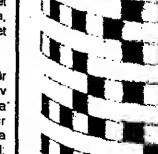
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WHAT'S ON

CRITIC'S CHOICE CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

SOPRANO Laura Aikin, with her crystal crisp voice sings Zerbinetta's glorious coloratura aria from Richard Strauss's Ariadne auf Naxos in an evening of operalic delights presented by the Israel Philharmonic and Zubin Mehta. The program also includes arias from Verdi operas performed by dramatic soprano Sharon Sweet and mezzo Barbara Dever, as well as waltzes by members of the Strauss family. The highlight of the concert is the final scene from Richard Strauss's Der Rosenkavalier, in which all three singers participate. 6.30 at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv.

Service South GEORGIAN tenor Zurab Sotkilava is touring with a program comprising arias from Tehaikovsky operas, romances by Racbmaninoff and Neapolitan songs. Tonight at the North Theater in Kiryat Haim (8). Wednesday at Yad Labanim in Ashdod, Thursday at the Noga Theetre io Jaffa and Saturday at Gerard Behar in Jerusalem 8:30.

ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

PEASOUPER from the UK Rejects Revenge theater is a mad comedy for three. It's set in Victorian England, an ancient Egyptian tomb and the Wild West, and it's complete with Indiana Jones-type derring-do, a speeding train, camels and a cursed pearl. At the Kfar Sava Municipal Auditorium tonight at 8:30.

DANCE

HELEN KAYE

AMIR Kolben's Kombina Dance Company does a take on the classical ballet Giselle with G Is L-2, in a multimedia piece by Kolben, who also dances. He has "retained elements of the doomed love between Giselle and Albrecht, but my main inspiration came mainly from the Wilis, the ghosts condemned to eternal dance."

The piece also has computer animations made from a choreography software program called Life Forms. Kolben, who headed the Tamar Dance company, created G Is L-2 last summer in Hungary with the Szegedi Kortars Ballet, receiving favorable reviews. At the Suzanne Dellal Center tonight and tomorrow and at Gerard Behar in Jerusalem on Thursday, all at 9 p.m.

ACROSS

1 After cound of laughter,

deny ragging tomboy (6) 4 I am not afraid to speak

probably (1,4,3]
10 It's an advantage, having numbers of knickerbockers

11 Contemporary melody

12 It is reasonable to record

one name endlessly (7)

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14 Swell ship'e doctor not on

15 Firm in this place with

18 Go round after a puncture

in a state of panic (4,4)

20 Fall back in error (5)

23 Charger? (7)

book sticking together (8)

from Robin (5)

(4-5)



Soprano Laura Aikin joins Zubin Mehta and the IPO at the Mann Auditorium.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** ELECTIVE AFFINITIES - At first glance, the Italian writing/directing team of Paolo and Vittorio Taviani seems a bizarre choice to make a French-language film from Goethe's 1809 German oovel. What's odd is not just that the Taviani brothers mix and match their languages and settings bere, but that their vivid myth-making powers and fascination with the primitive, irrational urges that in their eyes shape culture and history appear to be so utterly at odds with Goethe's coolly theoreocal love story. (Both the plot and othe are, believe it or not, based on a chemical process whereby the mixture of certain compounds causes the component elements to change partners.)

As usual, though, the Tavianis begin with a seemingly distant intellectual construct and transform it into something a good deal rawer - in this case, the most perversely decorous account of sexual skullduggery to reach the screen since Dangerous Liaisons.

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■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Animated films 16:30 Things Which Can't Be Sold 17:15 Panorama 18:00 Amores 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Doctors Talk 20:00 News 20:45 It's e Wonderful Life (1946) - award-winning classic - e sentimental fantasy about a man who contemplates suicide on Christmas Eve, but who with the help of a guardian angel realizes that file has a lot to offer and that he has more triends than he realized. Starring James Stewart. (110 mins.) 22:35 Adventures - Man and Nature 23:30 le

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15:30 Wonder Years 18:00 Animals of the Mediterranean 18:30 On the Cutting Edge of Science 17:00 Fruits of the Earth 17:15 Scientific Library 17:35 Explore 18:00 Basic Arabic 18:30 Family Relations 19:00 Revolutions in the Modern Era 19:30 Point of View 20:00 A New Evening, with Russian subtitles 20:30 Cybernews 21:00 Star Trek - The Next Generation 21:45 Video Clips 22:00 Famale Perspective 22:30 They said there was nothing to worry about - documentary about a young mother of three who developed breast cancer, but neglected her condition until it was too late to save her. The film is devoted to the last months of her life 23:30 Jewish Mysticism

FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Sisters (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:20 Perla Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dallas (rpt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 Robin's Hoods 15:00 Sisters 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perla Negra 20:50 The Naked Truth - new series 21:15 Ned and Stacey - new series 21:40 The Drew Carey Show 22:05 Hope and Gloria 22:30 Frasier 22:55 New York Daze 23:20 The Larry Sanders Show 23:45 Melrose Place 00:30 Nursing School 1:20 The Fortune Hunter

MOVIE CHANNEL (4) 11:30 L'Arbre de Noel (French, 1969)

- the last days in the life of 10-year-old Pascal who has leukemia. With William Holden and Virna Lisi (103 mins.) 13:20 Bird of Paradise (1932) mins.) 13:20 Bird of Paradise (1932)

— Classic adventure by King Vidor (rpt) 14:45 Ad Crazy 15:15 Dream Date (1985) — comedy about a the trauma of being lather to e teenage girl (rpt) 16:55 Stolen Children (Italian, 1992) — see today's highlights 18:50 Asian Connection: Midnight Orchid (1995) (rpt) 20:25 Special report on The Palibearer with David Schwimmer 20:40 Experience Preferred But Not Essential (1983) —

Englishwoman during her first job away from home at a seaside resort in 1962. She arrives shy and insecure and emerges confident and sexy. With Elizabeth Edmonds and Sue Wallaca. (70 mins.) 22:00 Price of

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Love (1995) - a homeless boy run-ning away from his parents tries to survive on the cruel streets of Hollywood by selling his body (86 mins) 23:30 Lunatic (1992) - comedy mins) 23:30 Lunatic (1992) – cornedy about a tree-loving reggae man who talks to trees and falls for a German photographer (rpt) 1:10 Victim of Beauty (1991) – men in the life of e newly successful model start dying and she suspects the fashion photographer she works with, Directed by Paul Lynch. With Jennifer Rubin and Sally Kellerman (86 mins) 2:40 Filight from Justice (1993) – Action drama (rpt)

CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 9:05 Heathcliff 9:30 VR Troopers 10:00 Little University — Life (rpt) 10:30 Kirk 11:00 Saved by the Bell 11:30 Animal Park 12:00 Little House on the Prairie 12:45 Alvin and the Chipmunks 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:20 Mot 13:45 Make-Believe Closet 14:05 Inspector Gadget 14:35 The Children from Oz 15:00 VR Troopers 15:30 Little University - Once Upon e Time ...

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Mouse on the Prairie 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married With Children 20:25 Roseanne 20:50 The Ren and Stimpy Show 21:05 Step by Step 21:30 Family Ties

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Ballad of Cable Hogue (1970) - classic western with Jason Robards as a loner who discovers a spring in the desert and makes his fortune with e stagecoach stop. Bandits who rob him are pursued to the bitter end. With David Warner and Stella Stevens. Directed by Sam Peckinpah. (121 mins.) 00:00 The Farmer's Daughter (1947) - comedy directed by H.C. Potter. A Swedish woman decides to run against the man she loves in congressional elections. With Loretta Young and Joseph Cotten. (97 mins.)

■ DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University 12:00 Human Nature 13:00 Beyond 2000 13:30 The Big Questions 14:00 Open University 16:00 Human Nature (rpt) 17:00 Beyond 2000 (rpt) 17:30 The Big Questions (rpt) 16:00 Open University 20:00 Magic or Medicine 21:00 Great Palaces 21:30 Fork in the Road 22:00 Sexual Harassment 23:00 Magic or Medicine (rpt) 23:50 23:00 Magic or Medicine (rpt) 23:50 Open University

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 Adventures 7:00 Executive Lifestyles 7:30 Europe 2000 8:00 Today 10:00 Wall Street Morning Today 10:00 Wall Street Morning Reports 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 Wall Street Morning Reports 17:00 MSNBC - The Site 18:00 National Geographic 19:00 Fashion File 19:30 The Ticket 20:00 The Selina Scott Show 21:00 Dateline 22:00 Baseball 23:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 00:00 The Best of Late Night with Conan O'Brien 1:00 The Best of Later with Grey Kinnear 1:30 NBC News with Greg Kinnear 1:30 NBC News with Tom Brokaw 2:00 The Best of Tonight Show with Jay Leno 3:00 MSNBC - Internight

STAR PLUS

6:00 Nathalie Dupree Cooks 6:00 Video Fashion News 7:00 Kate & Aflie 7:30 Oprah Winfrey 8:30 Dynasty 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 11:00 Buniyaad 11:30 Lifeline 12:00 Home and Away 12:30 Lost in Space 13:30 Black Statlion 14:00 Kate & Allie 14:30 Nathalie Dupree Cooks 15:00 Amul India Show 15:30 Star News in Hindi 16:00 Small Wonder 16:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 Imitman 17:30 Star News 18:00 Yes Minister 18:30 Chicago Hope 19:30 The Bold

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■ CHANNEL 5

6:30 Body in Motion 16:00 Body in Motion 16:30 Israeli National Soccer 19:00 NFL Football 20:30 Basketball: Coca-Cola Cup 22:30 English League Soccer 23:00 Baseball: World Series Game

■ EUROSPORT

9:30 Cycling: World Cup from Japan (rpt) 12:00 International Motor Magazine 13:00 Motorcycle Races: Spanish Open (rpt) 14:00 Alpine Skiing 15:00 Tennis: ATP tourna-ment, Paris – live 00:00 European Socer 1:00 Eurogoff 2:00 Amateur Videos manazine Soccer 1:00 Euro videos magazine

PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Cricket: World Cup, Australia vs. West Indies (semi-final) 11:00 Tennis: European closed court championship (pt) 12:30 Asia Soccer Show 13:30 Squash 14:30 International Sports Magazine 15:30 Motorcycle Racing, World Championship, Australia 17:00 Water Sports 16:00 Gillette World Sport 18:30 Spanish Soccer 19:30 Tennis: European closed court championship – finals 21:00 Settling 23:30 Golf: PGA tournament 00:00 Chinese League Soccer 2:00 Tennis: European closed court championship – finals closed court championship - finals

BBC WORLD

News on the hour 6:05 The Money Programme (rpt) 10:15 The Money Programme (rpt) 11:30 High Gear — motor magazine (rpt) 14:05 Correspondent (rpt) 15:15 World Business Report 15:30 Asia-Pacific Newshour 16:30 Film '96 (rpt) 17:15 Tha Money Programme (rpt) 18:30 Floyd's American Ple (rpt) 19:30 Tomorrow's World (rpt) 22:05 The Money Programme (rpt) 22:45 Building Sights 23:30 Tha Travel Show 24:00 World News and Business Report News on the hour 6:05 The Money

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News throughout the day 6:30 Pinnacle Report (rpt) 8:30 World View (rpt) 9:30 World Sport 11:30 CNN Newsroom 12:30 Headline News 13:00 Business Day 13:30 CNN American Edition 13:45 Q & A 14:00 Asian News 14:30 World Sport 15:00 Asian News 15:30 Business Asia 16:00 Larry King Live 17:30 World Sport (rpf) 18:30 CNN Computer Connection 19:30 O&A 20:45 CNN American Edition 21:00 World Business Today 21:30 World News 22:00 Larry King (rpt) 23:00 European News 23:30 Investigative Reports 24:00 World Business Today 00:30 World Sport 1:00 World News Survey 2:30 Moneyline

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IN VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05
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and string quartet; Hannibal:
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Leifs: Icelandic Cantata; Erkdi-Sven
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String quartet 12:00 Light Classical
— excerpts from musicals 13:00 excerpts from m Sheron Kam (clarinet), Itamar Golan (piano), Brahms: Sonata in E flat op 120/2; Schumann: Fantasiestücke op 73; Poulenc: Sonata; Debussy: Rhapsody no 1 14:06 Encore 15:00 Cycle of Works 14:06 Encore 15:00 Cycle of Works

- Beethoven's piano sonatas 16:00

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Elgar, Brahme, Ben-Heim,
Schubert, Schumann, Sasha Argov

19:00 Rainbow of Sounds 20:05

Rossini: Quadet no 4 in B flat for Rossini: Quartet no 4 in B flat for winds; Beethoven: Triple concerto in C 21:00 A Matter of Agreement 23:00 Just Jazz

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- DOWN South produced (8) go back in time (7)

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28 So left one to perform duet

9 Generous people having had some gin perhaps (6-8) 29 Symbol of once standing

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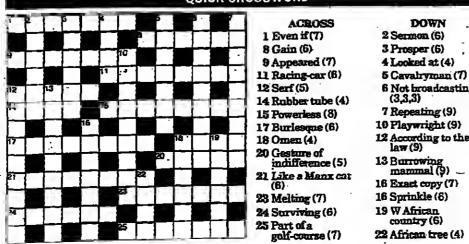
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Two soldiers killed in security zone buried

THE two soldiers killed in Thursday night's roadside bomh attack in south Lebanon were buried yesterday.

Maj. Uri Azulai, 25, of Kiryat Shmona, was huried in the town in the afternoon. Thousands of residents of the town and the area attended the funeral, including Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who met Azulai and his family when he served as OC Northern Command.

"Uri was among the best of Kiryat Shmona's boys. I remember the years in which he served in the IDF's elite units, always in dangerous places. In his family, they were all fighters. This loss is a heartache," Mnrdechai said.

Azulai, who headed a paratroop unit, was described by his brigade commander as one of the best unit commanders. "You were nni a

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man of words. You were a man of action. You operated in the most dangerous places ... You set an

example of responsibility."

Sgt. Tom Karin, 20, of Hod Hasharon, was buried in the afternoon at Kibbutz Ein Gev, where he was born. Karin's grandparents were among the kibbutz founders. Karin's loogtime frieod Eyal Schneider said he was not surprised that Tom wanted to be buried on the kibbutz. "I was surprised, however, that he had thought seriously about death."
His commander said be was an

example to the entire unit in his motivation and his desire tn take an active role in operations. Yesterday President Ezer

Weizman visited, the soldiers wounded in the incident who are hospitalized at Haifa's Rambam

There is no greater problem right now of motivation in the IDF than there has been in the past, Weizman said in reply to reporters' questions.

"The ranks of brigades like Golani, Givati, and the paratroopers are full," he noted.

Standing next to the beds of the woonded, Weizman said they were proof of the high motivation. "Look, they want to go back to their units after they recover," he

Weizman added that be did not see an immediate solution to the situation in Lebanon. The problem in Lebanon is very complicated," he said. "It is going to take some time until we solve it." Mordechai also visited the

wounded soldiers yesterday. Swiss FM blames US, Switzerland for debacle over lost Jewish assets MARILYN HENRY and news agencies

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workers

THE government will not grant any mnre visas to foreign workers; 500 illegal workers will be deported every month; and NIS 15.33 million will be set aside to examine the credentials of workers and if necessary expel them, a ministe-rial committee decided yesterday. Those who work in domestic

care will be exempt from having to go through this process.

The committee, comprising Dan Meridor (finance), Eli Yishai (labor and social affairs), Eli Suissa (interior), and Avigdor Kahalani (internal security), also made it clear that the 500 monthly deportations will eventually be increased to 1,000. Five hundred, they said, is an interim figure, while the mechanisms are set up for coping with larger oumbers. This smaller monthly deportation

will run until April.

The ministers will also request the cabinet give the committee; established in August, permanent status so they can discuss other. wider implications of the foreign worker population, which oumbers at least 200,000.

Four teams will be set up to examine the nature of relationships between employers and foreign workers; taxation; the legislation required to implement various proposals, soch as punishments for employers of illegal workers; and the arrangements for deportations at points of exit.

The increase in foreign workers has largely coincided with the closure on the territories, which was intensified after the wave of suicide bomhings which began in February. Israeli and Palestinian treasury nfficials are negotiating on increasing the oumbers of workers allowed in from the territories. Currently some, 40,000 Palestinians have permission to enter for work.

the Swiss and the United States for had blood that has put the couotries at loggerheads over missing assets of Jewish Nazi victims.

The Swiss are partly to hlame fur dragging their feet, hut Washingtoo needs to allow time for a thorough iovestigatioo of the matter, Cotti said io ao interview with the Swiss Sunday oewspaper SonntagsZeitung.

At the same time he rejected allegations hy Senator Alfonse D'Amato, the chairman of the powerful Secate Banking Committee, that the Swiss are purposely blocking an iovesti-

D'Amato has called for the reoegotiation of the 1946 Washington Agreement in which the Swiss agreed to pay 250 million Swiss francs to the Allies to settle the question of any Nazi looted gold remaining in Switzerland. The senator said that the Swiss failed to fully ideotify all Nazi assets that were helog held in Switzerland at the time of the

D'Amato, io an interview with the Swiss newspaper Journal de Geneve carlier this mooth, asked: "How can ooe have confidence in the Swiss authorities, when they have ooly taken action uoder pres-sure from public opinioo?" He also assailed a pending Swiss inquiry that is to examine Switzerland's financial activi-

ties during World War II.

That ioquiry, which is expected to win parliamentary approval in December, may take up to five years, which D'Amato said was too long. "We want a complete clarifica-

SWISS Foreign Minister in any case, this requires Flavin Coni, in remarks puhlished yesterday, hlamed huth would delay the investigations, or that we are oot credihle, because we are Swiss, are insulting and absulutely unacceptable. I reject them in all

> Switzerland nn Friday appninted Thumas Borer, 39, deputy secretary-geoeral in the Foreign Ministry, to head a task force that is to coordinate inquiries into the fate of Nazi victims' assets. The Foreign Mioistry also is expected to form a panel that will study compensation agreements Switzerland struck with theocommunist governments in eastern Europe. There have. been accusations that the heirless assets of the Jews were used to compensate Swiss citizeos for property that had been nationalized by communist

regimes. The rights of Holocaust victims and heirs to unclaimed assets that were deposited in Switzerland are "wholly intact," according to a prominent Swiss historian, who is challeoging an accoost in The New York Times. The historian, Dr. Peter Hug, was the principal snurce io a frontpage story in Thursday's editioos of the Times that said the accounts dormant Holocaust vietims were used io secret agreements to settle Switzerland's postwar cnmpensation disputes with Poland and Huogary.

That allegation had heen raised first hy Senator D'Amato.

In a letter to the Times. copies of which were obtained over the weekeod hy The Jerusalem Post, expressed concern that the Times stnry could "uodermine my gnnd reputation as a histnrian." He alsn said that the agreements were not secret, and that "the rights of the [Holncaust] victims and their heirs are wholly intact up to

THE High Court of Justice **EVELYN GORDON** heard a petition yesterday

his mother Matilda at his funeral yesterday.

postponed its decisioo until a

whose son Yanai was killed in

the time, was indicted for neg-

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found that he had failed to

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accident a few months before.

The trial, which began receotly,

is expected to last a year nr

The Shoshans' attorney, Eliad

Shraga, argued that it is incon-ceivable that an officer sus-

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of other young officers.
Atturney Shai Nilzan, repre-

senting the state, insisted that

the decision nnt 10 fire Hnrev was reasnnahle, hnwever,

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against the appointment of Col. Moni Horev as head of the IDF Officers. Training. School, hut The petition was filed by Masoud and Aliza Shoshan.

Orly Azulai (center), twin sister of Maj. Uri Azulai, and other family members attempt to comfort

High Court hears petition

against Horev appointment

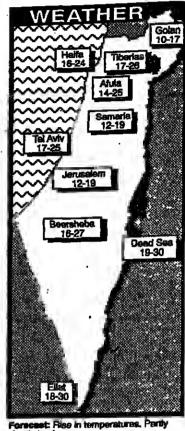
Furthermore, Nitzan said, years ago. Horev, whn was it is not clear that his involve-Yanai's brigade commander at meni is direct enough to warrant a punishment which would force him to resign from his joh, such as being demoted. And in any case, he added, a man should he presumed incocent uotil proven guilty, whereas removing him from his post would punish him in advance. Justices Aharoo Barak,

Eliaho Mazza, aod Yitzhak Zamir said the issue is very sible for eoforciog safety regulations, or whether this responsin terms of its public implicasibility rests with less seoior tions. They therefore suggested officers. Army experts are that the Shoshans withdraw divided on this question, he their petition and content said, so it is not fair to suspend themselves with having Horev before a court has ruled. Ohtaioed a precedeot-setting

indictment. so, however, saying this is an issue with tremeodous implications. If an ufficer accused of causing the death of one of his soldiers cao still he given such a seositive post, they argued, this sends the message that officers can afford in he careless with their soldiers' lives. The justices will therefore

issue a ruling at a later date.

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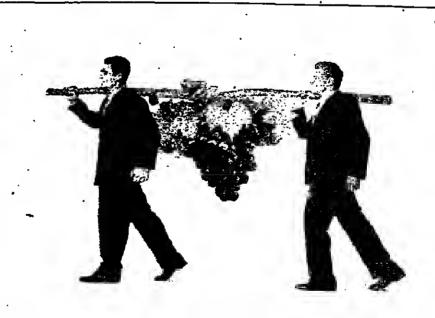


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